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Kingston 2 - 0 Royals  
Eagles 1 - 0 Lions  
Pines 1 - 1 South  
Gully 1 - 1 Magic  
Bergers 1 - 4 Georgies  
\*Zebras v Cannons  
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## 2006/07 SEASON FIXTURES



RD 1	Fixture	Venue	Local Kick-off	AEST Kick-off
Fri 25 Aug 06	Melbourne Victory FC vs Adelaide United FC	Olympic Park	8.00 pm	8.00 pm
Sat 26 Aug 06	Queensland Roar FC vs Perth Glory FC	Suncorp Stadium	7.00 pm	7.00 pm
Sun 27 Aug 06	New Zealand Knights FC vs Newcastle Jets FC	North Harbour Stadium	5.00 pm	3.00 pm
Sun 27 Aug 06	Sydney FC vs Central Coast Mariners FC	Aussie Stadium	6.00 pm	5.00 pm

RD 2	Fixture	Venue	Local Kick-off	AEST Kick-off
Fri 1 Sep 06	Newcastle Jets FC vs Queensland Roar FC	Energy Australia Stadium	8.00 pm	8.00 pm
Sat 2 Sep 06	New Zealand Knights FC vs Adelaide United FC	North Harbour Stadium	12.30 pm	10.30 am
Sat 2 Sep 06	Melbourne Victory FC vs Sydney FC	Telstra Dome	7.00 pm	7.00 pm
Sun 3 Sep 06	Perth Glory FC vs Central Coast Mariners FC	Members Equity Stadium	3.00 pm	3.00 pm

RD 3	Fixture	Venue	Local Kick-off	AEST Kick-off
Fri 8 Sep 06	Adelaide United FC vs Newcastle Jets FC	Hindmarsh Stadium	7.30 pm	8.00 pm
Sat 9 Sep 06	Central Coast Mariners FC vs Queensland Roar FC	Central Coast Stadium	7.00 pm	7.00 pm
Sun 10 Sep 06	New Zealand Knights FC vs Melbourne Victory FC	North Harbour Stadium	12.30 pm	10.30 am
Sun 10 Sep 06	Perth Glory FC vs Sydney FC	Members Equity Stadium	3.00 pm	3.00 pm

RD 4	Fixture	Venue	Local Kick-off	AEST Kick-off
Fri 15 Sep 06	Queensland Roar FC vs New Zealand Knights FC	Suncorp Stadium	8.00 pm	8.00 pm
Sat 16 Sep 06	Adelaide United FC vs Perth Glory FC	Hindmarsh Stadium	6.30 pm	7.00 pm
Sun 17 Sep 06	Sydney FC vs Newcastle Jets FC	Aussie Stadium	3.00 pm	3.00 pm
Sun 17 Sep 06	Melbourne Victory FC vs Central Coast Mariners FC	Olympic Park	5.00 pm	6.00 pm

RD 5	Fixture	Venue	Local Kick-off	AEST Kick-off
Thur 21 Sep 06	New Zealand Knights FC vs Sydney FC	North Harbour Stadium	8.00 pm	8.00 pm
Fri 22 Sep 06	Queensland Roar FC vs Adelaide United FC	Suncorp Stadium	8.00 pm	8.00 pm
Sat 23 Sep 06	Central Coast Mariners FC vs Newcastle Jets FC	Central Coast Stadium	7.00 pm	7.00 pm
Sun 24 Sep 06	Perth Glory FC vs Melbourne Victory FC	Members Equity Stadium	3.00 pm	3.00 pm

RD 6	Fixture	Venue	Local Kick-off	AEST Kick-off
Thur 26 Sep 06	New Zealand Knights FC vs Central Coast Mariners FC	North Harbour Stadium	8.00 pm	8.00 pm
Fri 29 Sep 06	Newcastle Jets FC vs Perth Glory FC	Energy Australia Stadium	8.00 pm	8.00 pm
Sat 1 Oct 06	Melbourne Victory FC vs Queensland Roar FC	Olympic Park	5.00 pm	5.00 pm
Mon 2 Oct 06	Adelaide United FC vs Sydney FC	Hindmarsh Stadium	4.30 pm	5.00 pm

RD 7	Fixture	Venue	Local Kick-off	AEST Kick-off
Fri 6 Oct 06	Adelaide United FC vs Central Coast Mariners FC	Hindmarsh Stadium	7.30 pm	8.00 pm
Fri 6 Oct 06	Perth Glory FC vs New Zealand Knights FC	Members Equity Stadium	8.00 pm	10.00 pm
Sun 8 Oct 06	Sydney FC vs Queensland Roar FC	Aussie Stadium	3.00 pm	3.00 pm
Sun 8 Oct 06	Newcastle Jets FC vs Melbourne Victory FC	Energy Australia Stadium	5.00 pm	5.00 pm

RD 8	Fixture	Venue	Local Kick-off	AEST Kick-off
Fri 13 Oct 06	Central Coast Mariners FC vs Sydney FC	Central Coast Stadium	8.00 pm	8.00 pm
Sat 14 Oct 06	Newcastle Jets FC vs New Zealand Knights FC	Energy Australia Stadium	7.00 pm	7.00 pm
Sun 15 Oct 06	Melbourne Victory FC vs Adelaide United FC	Olympic Park	5.00 pm	5.00 pm
Sun 15 Oct 06	Perth Glory FC vs Queensland Roar FC	Members Equity Stadium	5.00 pm	7.00 pm

RD 9	Fixture	Venue	Local Kick-off	AEST Kick-off
Fri 20 Oct 06	Central Coast Mariners FC vs Perth Glory FC	Central Coast Stadium	8.00 pm	8.00 pm
Sat 21 Oct 06	Sydney FC vs Melbourne Victory FC	Aussie Stadium	7.00 pm	7.00 pm
Sun 22 Oct 06	Queensland Roar FC vs Newcastle Jets FC	Suncorp Stadium	5.00 pm	5.00 pm
Sun 22 Oct 06	Adelaide United FC vs New Zealand Knights FC	Hindmarsh Stadium	6.30 pm	7.00 pm

RD 10	Fixture	Venue	Local Kick-off	AEST Kick-off
Fri 27 Oct 06	New Zealand Knights FC vs Melbourne Victory FC	North Harbour Stadium	8.00 pm	8.00 pm
Fri 27 Oct 06	Newcastle Jets FC vs Adelaide United FC	Energy Australia Stadium	8.00 pm	8.00 pm
Sat 28 Oct 06	Central Coast Mariners FC vs Queensland Roar FC	Central Coast Stadium	7.00 pm	7.00 pm
Sun 29 Oct 06	Sydney FC vs Perth Glory FC	Aussie Stadium	5.00 pm	5.00 pm

RD 11	Fixture	Venue	Local Kick-off	AEST Kick-off
Fri 3 Nov 06	Melbourne Victory FC vs Central Coast Mariners FC	Olympic Park	8.00 pm	8.00 pm
Sat 4 Nov 06	Newcastle Jets FC vs Sydney FC	Energy Australia Stadium	7.00 pm	7.00 pm
Sun 5 Nov 06	New Zealand Knights FC vs Queensland Roar FC	North Harbour Stadium	5.00 pm	3.00 pm
Sun 5 Nov 06	Adelaide United FC vs Perth Glory FC	Hindmarsh Stadium	4.30 pm	5.00 pm

RD 12	Fixture	Venue	Local Kick-off	AEST Kick-off
Thu 9 Nov 06	Melbourne Victory FC vs Perth Glory FC	Olympic Park	8.00 pm	8.00 pm
Fri 10 Nov 06	Sydney FC vs New Zealand Knights FC	Aussie Stadium	8.00 pm	8.00 pm
Sat 11 Nov 06	Queensland Roar FC vs Adelaide United FC	Suncorp Stadium	7.00 pm	7.00 pm
Sun 12 Nov 06	Newcastle Jets FC vs Central Coast Mariners FC	Energy Australia Stadium	5.00 pm	5.00 pm

RD 13	Fixture	Venue	Local Kick-off	AEST Kick-off
Fri 17 Nov 06	Queensland Roar FC vs Melbourne Victory FC	Suncorp Stadium	7.00 pm	8.00 pm
Sat 18 Nov 06	Perth Glory FC vs Newcastle Jets FC	Members Equity Stadium	5.00 pm	8.00 pm
Sun 19 Nov 06	New Zealand Knights FC vs Central Coast Mariners FC	North Harbour Stadium	5.00 pm	3.00 pm
Sun 19 Nov 06	Sydney FC vs Adelaide United FC	Aussie Stadium	5.00 pm	5.00 pm

RD 14	Fixture	Venue	Local Kick-off	AEST Kick-off
Fri 24 Nov 06	Sydney FC vs Queensland Roar FC	Aussie Stadium	8.00 pm	8.00 pm
Sat 25 Nov 06	Central Coast Mariners FC vs Adelaide United FC	Central Coast Stadium	7.00 pm	7.00 pm
Sun 26 Nov 06	Melbourne Victory FC vs Newcastle Jets FC	Olympic Park	5.00 pm	5.00 pm
Sun 26 Nov 06	Perth Glory FC vs New Zealand Knights FC	Members Equity Stadium	4.00 pm	7.00 pm

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## VODAFONE CUP HEADING FOR COVER

### Are we ready for the Football phenomenon?

Last Friday night just before I ventured out to catch a potentially intriguing Vodafone Cup match between Richmond and Preston, I managed to grab a glimpse of Channel Nine's travel show, "Getaway", whereby viewers had the chance to win a trip to the World Cup in Germany with three mates and \$5000 worth of spending money.

On route to Kevin Bartlett Reserve I popped into my local 7/11 store and was greeted by a huge banner which was stretched across the face of the shop frontage, announcing that I was in the right place to pick up my "Socceroo Supporters Kit", if only I did something or other with a bottle of "Gatorade".

My next stop was the bus stop. While I waited for the bus in perfect Melbourne football weather, sitting next to me in a bright "Nike" billboard was Socceroo hero Marco Bresciano, telling me that he and his pals weren't just going to Germany to "make up the numbers".

When the bus arrived, it did so with an advertisement on the side of the vehicle informing me of the new "Renault Sport" that's now on the market. Next to the car in the ad, were of course, a couple of soccer balls.

"My, my" I thought to myself. Everywhere I looked, turned or went, "new football" was seemingly following me.

As I jumped on the bus, paid my fare and grabbed a seat, I began to wonder what the sudden surge of football popularity means to the Vodafone Cup.

In the past few seasons we have witnessed junior and female registrations go through the roof - so much so that some clubs are apparently struggling to keep up with the demands to employ enough qualified coaches or provide sufficient ground space on training nights.

On top of that, the successful launch of the A-league and World Cup qualification has propelled football to heights never before seen in this country. But, whilst the wave of popularity grows dramatically at junior, national and international level, what does it all mean for the state senior competitions, particularly in Victoria?

Last year, the FFV reported that attendances for the VPL/Vodafone Cup smashed all records before it when it the competition experienced over 300% growth.

In hindsight it would be fair to say that whilst those figures look rather exceptional on paper, the reality was that the inclusion of former NSL sides, South Melbourne and Melbourne Knights, together with the return of long awaited derby matches involving the aforementioned, Preston Lions and Heidelberg United actually helped to inflate those statistics and more or less gave the VPL/Vodafone Cup a false sense of economy for season 2005.

In 2006, the crowd figures have, not surprisingly, plateaued out somewhat and observers are probably now noticing a fairer indication of where the VPL/Vodafone Cup stands in the bigger scheme of things.

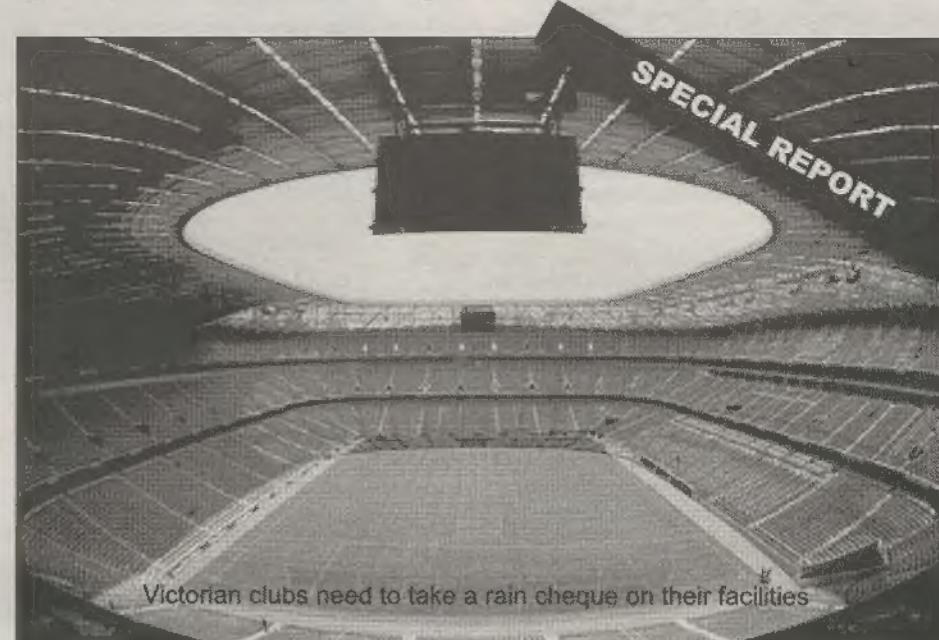
Whilst the FFV is kicking goals in the boardroom with announcements of six figure sponsorships with Vodafone, partnerships with MILO for the juniors and business relationships with Foxtel for Futsal, complemented by unprecedented corporate interest from every conceivable angle, football appears to be finally realising its potential both on and off the field.

Last week on Channel 31's "The FFV Football Show", host Ross Alatis, conducted an interview with South Melbourne's coach John Anastasiadis, who stated that the Vodafone Cup will hopefully experience a "flow on effect" from the wave of success the code is experiencing across the country.

In theory, John has a pretty valid point, but is the Vodafone Cup necessarily ready?

The theory being that, with football numbers and interest booming everywhere and the A-league in hibernation, competitions like the Vodafone Cup should in fact be bracing itself for an influx of new football fans converted to the round ball game and thirsty for a weekend fix of the "hottest" game in town. Same deal with the players.

In theory, with massive numbers coming through the ranks, not everyone will be able to play for Melbourne Victory. So it makes sense that after the best of the bunch are selected to represent A-league clubs, most of the re-



Victorian clubs need to take a rain cheque on their facilities

have terrace attendances in the Vodafone Cup dropped off recently?

In my opinion, there are probably two reasons to that one. The first is the state of the majority of venues associated with the Vodafone Cup, and the second is inadvertently, the launch of the A-league.

Apart from the rare exception, we all know that loyalty in sport has long since been dead. Today's athletes are more prone to play for the "lure of the lire" than the shirt anymore

and fans of today's modern game can be enticed to swap colours without too much reluctance.

South Melbourne FC and to a lesser extent Melbourne Knights, have experienced this first hand, both with players and fans.

One only has to look at their attendance figures in the old NSL compared to today to see the difference.

In its last year of NSL competition, South Melbourne was

### Players do not always feel comfortable bringing along wives, girlfriends, parents or children to a number of Vodafone Cup venues

pulling average gates of approximately 7,500.

Last Sunday night against Bulleen Zebras, a little over 1,000 braved the rain to watch South win 4-1.

Without trying to go over old ground, South Melbourne have always been perceived as an "ethnic club", but it would have been an interesting piece of market research to actually conduct a breakdown of its NSL supporter fan base and see which ethnic backgrounds its fans actually came from.

Contrary to popular belief, I dare say that a higher proportion of non-Greek background fans actually made up the numbers at Bob Jane than originally believed.

Shortly after the Knights and South made their exits from the country's national competition, it might be true to say that a good portion of their respective followings did indeed swap their allegiances to Olympic Park in the two year period of when the NSL was laid to rest and the A-league launched.

Whilst it would be also fair to say that a good number of the generation of fans that once cheered their teams have simply died off or become too old to travel to matches anymore, a good proportion of that supporter base that would frequent Somers Street and Bob Jane Stadium just simply swapped allegiance.

In theory, one could say that potentially over 5000 fans who once ventured to Bob Jane on a regular basis, now do so at Olympic Park instead.

Another 2000 or so, now probably choose to follow Oakleigh Cannons or Kingston City, as the "hierarchy" that once existed between all of these clubs has since been smashed and South Melbourne has now been reduced to compete on a somewhat "suburban" level.

In a romantic world, one could have been forgiven to expect, in the same vain as Fiorentina fans did in Italy or Manchester City fans did in England, when both of these proud clubs suffered relegation to their country's Third Divisions, and their diehard fans famously turned out in force when their clubs were in dire straits and needed them

most, to produce unprecedented attendance gates that were far bigger than practically any other clubs in any of the Divisions above them.

Alas, we are in Australia and not Europe, where the soccer "psyche" is very much different and our clubs are more prone to an evidently more "disposable" market.

Just ask fans of now defunct clubs such as Carlton FC, Newcastle Breakers, Sydney City, Canberra Cosmos etc etc, to get the point.

In order for the Vodafone Cup to become a truly respected and successful competition whereby it's able to absorb the expected wave of the codes popularity, clubs will need to expand their supporter base and improve the facilities it currently has to offer.

Venues like Bob Jane, Somers Street, Epping Stadium and even the Veneto Club are more than adequate.

Unfortunately, as it stands the majority of the remaining grounds are not conducive to attracting a wider fan base. The FFV is more than aware of this issue and to its credit is in the process of implementing a blueprint that will hopefully assist clubs and councils to work towards providing better facilities for players, fans and members alike.

In response to this issue, the FFV's CEO Tony Pignata said, "Basically, what were doing is releasing a ground criteria for clubs in the next few weeks. The criteria will determine whether clubs can hold Vodafone Cup games. You could have 14 venues, but they all have to meet stringent requirements. We're going to try and lift the ante on facilities and make sure there is seating, undercover seating, ample car parking, decent media facilities, proper change rooms for players and referees, canteen...there's a whole multitude we're looking at."

This is not going to come in immediately and we'll give clubs a couple of years to try and address these issues. We basically we feel a lot of the present facilities don't meet what we want in the Vodafone Cup, and if clubs want to play in this competition they'll have to lift the standard." He also said, "We'd like to see more families go to the Vodafone Cup in the future. I think a lot of clubs spend a lot of money on wages and we need to try and turn some of that money into facilities. It's a matter for the clubs to try and implement the guidelines that will shortly be set and for clubs to work with their respective councils."

Speaking with Altona Magic player Levent Osman, he stated that many players do not always feel comfortable bringing along wives, girlfriends, parents or children to a number of Vodafone Cup venues.

The consensus being that with some venues there was nowhere for their guests or partners to sit and watch the match in comfort.

At the same time, if it was to suddenly rain, a few grounds would struggle to provide adequate cover from the elements.

Legendary coach Stan Webster, who is now with Division One side Dandenong Thunder, reiterated the point when he said that clubs don't need to go overboard with the facilities, but if clubs could provide similar cover as to what exists at the Veneto Club, then that should be sufficient.

The way it stands at the moment, if any potentially "new fan" decided to visit a Vodafone Cup fixture out of curiosity, depending on the ground they visited, it is highly unlikely they will return for another dose of it.

By James Taylor

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Basically, what we're doing is releasing a ground criteria for clubs in the next few weeks.

maining better players will most likely have to head for a Vodafone Cup side, which in turn, will actually make for an even stronger competition.

But, whilst the number of grass-roots participants continues to grow, the standard of play is arguably the best it has been for years and the business dollar beckons, why

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# VODAFONE CUP

PETALS



## ROUND 12 SCOREBOARD

**KINGSTON CITY 2 - 0 ESSENDON ROYALS**

Friday 5th May The Grange Reserve Crowd: 800

GOALS: J.Spireri (KC) 12th, M.Curcija (KC) 76th.

YELLOW CARDS: J.Di Iorio (KC) 54th, S.Iosifidis (KC) 85th.

RED CARDS: None.

**KINGSTON:** D.Zilic, S.Iosifidis, C.Anthopoulos, C.Konstans, M.Stergiopoulos, M.Curcija, J.Spireri, P.Koutsopoulos, G.Hermosilla (Sub 86th), A.Kiratzoglou, J.Di Iorio, J.Latinopoulos.

**ROYALS:** M.Sutalo, N.Thomas, S.Pir (R.Catalano 80th), N.Schwal, J.Youseff, F.Catalano, D.Pilic, M.Catalano (C.Miles 77th), M.Medjedovic, H.Fa'Arodo, S.Fitzsimmons (M.Mazzarella 77th).

**RICHMOND EAGLES 1 - 0 PRESTON LIONS**

Friday 5th May Kevin Bartlett Reserve Crowd: 1000

GOALS: D.Visevic (RE)

YELLOW CARDS: Not available at time of press.

RED CARDS: None.

**EAGLES:** Not available at time of press.

**LIONS:** Not available at time of press.

**FRANKSTON PINES 1 - 1 SOUTH MELBOURNE**

Saturday 6th May Monterey Reserve Crowd: 450

GOALS: C.Plaat (FP) 61st.

YELLOW CARDS: T.Malcolm (FP) 21st, C.Stewart (FP) 28th, V.Coveny (SM) 44th, F.De Moraes (SM) 60th.

RED CARDS: V.Coveny (SM) 60th, C.Stewart (FP) 70th.

**PINES:** K.McIvor, D.Craig, T.Malcolm, M.Anderson, B.Cullen (C.Plaat 57th), C.Jones, T.Psonis (L.Tiari 81st), C.Metcalfe (B.Oudin 67th), N.Waite, C.Stewart.

**SOUTH:** D.Anastadis, S.De Vitto, G.Tzirtis (K.Nelson 77th), V.Coveny, A.Oliveira, F.de Moraes, T.Baser, n.Curtis, S.MacNicol, J.Stefanou, A.Naglieri.

**GREEN GULLY 1 - 1 ALTONA MAGIC**

Sunday 7th May Green Gully Reserve Crowd: 700

GOALS: R.Cardoso (GG) 89th, S.Bevinovski (AM) 90th pen.

YELLOW CARDS: R.Cardoso (GG) 60th, K.Delev (AM) 77th, T.Razov (AM) 81st, A.Vargas (GG) 90th.

RED CARDS: None.

**GULLY:** P.Schwalger, R.Vargas, D.Fak, Z.Markovski, J.Flemming, B.Vassallo (M.Sanders 63rd), R.Ollerton, A.Vargas, L.Lapsansky (P.Riccobene 65th), R.Cardoso, S.Oksuz.

**MAGIC:** B.Jevdevic, S.Mrkela (I.Kolevski 85th), L.Osman, D.Mladenovic, K.Delev, K.Delev, S.Bacvinovski, Y.Razov, I.Arsovski (A.Opazo 48th), P.Cergovski (A.Sherifovski 78th), I.Razov.

**HEIDELBERG UTD 1 - 4 SUNSHINE GEORGIES**

Sunday 7th May Olympic Village Crowd: 1200

GOALS: F.Richards (SG) three, B.Gilmour (SG), Vlahos (HU).

YELLOW CARDS: Not available at time of going to press.

RED CARDS: Not available at time of going to press.

**BERGERS:** Not available at time of going to press.

GEORGIES: Not available at time of going to press.

## TONIGHT'S GAMES

**FAWKNER/WHITTLESEA .... - .... MELBOURNE KNIGHTS**

Monday 8th May Epping Stadium Crowd: .....

GOALS:.....

YELLOW CARDS:.....

RED CARDS:.....

**BULLEEN ZEBRAS .... - .... OAKLEIGH CANNONS**

Monday 8th May Veneto Social Club Crowd: .....

GOALS:.....

YELLOW CARDS:.....

RED CARDS:.....

## VODAFONE CUP TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Oakleigh Cannons	11	8	3	0	24	11	27
Kingston City	12	7	3	2	22	12	24
Altona Magic	12	6	4	1	18	10	22
South Melbourne	11	5	2	4	15	14	18
Melbourne Knights	10	4	4	2	13	8	16
Heidelberg utd	12	4	4	4	18	18	16
Bulleen Zebras	11	4	3	4	11	15	15
Essendon Royals	12	3	5	4	12	14	14
Frankston Pines	12	4	2	6	13	17	14
Sunshine Georgies	12	3	3	6	10	16	12
Green Gully	12	2	5	5	14	17	11
Fawkner Blues	11	3	1	7	20	23	10
Preston Lions	12	2	4	6	14	23	10
Richmond Eagles	12	2	4	6	14	23	10

## VODAFONE CUP ROUND 13

**Essendon Royals**

v

**Preston Lions**

12 May 06 8:15PM

**Veneto Social Club**

**Oakleigh Cannons**

v

**Frankston Pines**

12 May 06 8:15PM

**Jack Edwards Reserve**

**Altona Magic**

v

**Heidelberg United**

13 May 06 5:30PM

**Paisley Park**

**Melbourne Knights**

v

**Kingston City**

14 May 06 3:00PM

**Knights Stadium**

**Sunshine Georgies**

v

**Fawkner-Whittlesea**

14 May 06 3:00PM

**Chaplin Reserve**

**South Melbourne**

v

**Green Gully Cavaliers**

14 May 06 6:00PM

**Bob Jane Stadium**

**Bulleen Zebras**

v

**Richmond**

15 May 06 8:15PM

**Veneto Social Club**



## VODAFONE CUP RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Green Gully Cavaliers	10	7	2	1	23	10	23
Sunshine Georgies SC	10	7	0	3	38	15	21
Richmond SC	11	6	3	2	25	11	21
Essendon Royals SC	12	6	2	4	17	18	20
South Melbourne FC	10	5	3	2	22	13	18
Fawkner-Whittlesea SC	11	5	3	3	16	14	18
Preston Lions SC	11	5	2	4	22	23	17
Altona Magic SC	11	5	1	5	24	19	16
Oakleigh Cannons SC	11	3	4	4	21	19	13
Bulleen Zebras SC	10	4	1	5	16	24	13
Heidelberg United SC	11	3	3	5	15	22	12
Kingston City SC	12	3	2	7	17	32	11
Frankston Pines SC	12	3	0	9	17	30	9
Melbourne Knights SC	10	1	0	9	7	30	3

Kingston City 0  
Essendon Royals 1,

Richmond  
Preston Lions

Frankston Pines 1  
South Melbourne 2,

Green Gully Cavaliers  
Altona Magic ,

Heidelberg United  
Sunshine Georgies ,

Bulleen Zebras  
Oakleigh Cannons ,

Fawkner-Whittlesea  
Melbourne Knights

## VODAFONE CUP LEADING GOALSCORERS

Bevinovski, Saso  
Altona Magic SC 9

Curcija, Michael  
Kingston City SC 8

Spiteri, Joe  
Kingston City SC 7

Magnacca, Anthony  
Preston Lions SC 6

Masi, Esala  
Oakleigh Cannons SC 6

Tsiolas, Mark  
Fawkner-Whittlesea 6

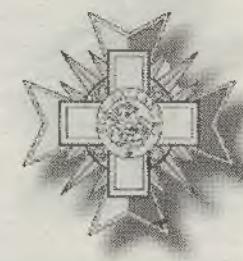


## VODAFONE CUP

Round 12



# FIDELL HAVANA GOOD TIME AT THE VILLAGE



GEORGIES STUN BEGERS THANKS TO FORMER HEIDELBERGER

## Heidelberg Utd 1 - 4 Sunshine Georgies



Former Heidelberg Warrior Fidell Richards celebrated a triumphant return to the Village with a hat trick to give Sunshine George Cross a timely 4-1 win over a nine man Bergers, on Sunday evening.

Early on it looked like the night might belong to another returning Warrior when the Bergers' new signing Andy Vlahos converted an Eric Vassiliadis cross from 12 meters in the fifth minute.

The Warriors looked to be controlling the game and it wasn't until the 20th minute when the Georgies mounted their first serious attack on the Bergers' goal winning a corner. Sunshine reaped the full reward when midfielder Brett Gilmour headed the equalizer.

The remainder of the half saw few clear chances on goal, the best falling to Bergers striker Nick Marinos following some good work out left by Vlahos who got past his

defender and fired a pass across the goal to Marinos bearing down on goal.

Marinos however failed to connect. He did however produce a major talking point in the 43rd minute when the referee showed him a straight red card for apparent retaliation after he went down to a challenge from Gilmour.

A deep head gash to defender Robert Liparotti forced Bergers coach, Phil Stubbins, to make further changes bringing on Joe Tricarico.

The second half saw things go from bad to worse for the Bergers when skipper Vassiliadis received a red reducing the Warriors to nine men. The sending off occurred as Sunshine fans were still protesting the referee's decision to disallow a Georgies goal for offside.

The 60th minute saw Dusko Delic run at the Bergers defense and play a telling pass onto former Berger Fidell Richards who finished

well from 12 meters.

The Georgies then went down to 10 men when defender Adam Gauci-Seddon received a second yellow card.

Richards celebrated a productive return to the Village when he scored with a powerful low 25 meter drive to the right of a diving Lou Acevski in the Bergers goal in the 78th minute.

Richards then completed his hat trick when he got in behind a stretched Bergers defense. He unselfishly gave substitute striker Tony Necessi the chance to get on the scoreboard but keeper Ascevski foiled his attempt. The rebound fell at the feet of Richards who crowned his memorable night. But there was more to come from Richards as he won a penalty in the 90th minute. Necessi however again failed to get his name on the score sheet as keeper Ascevski saved the spot kick.

By George Stogiannou

**Phil Stubbins**  
Coach, Heidelberg Utd:

In the first 15-20 minutes I felt as though we played as good as we have all season. We took a deserved lead...looking the goods...until we conceded a stupid and amateurish goal. After Marinos and Vassiliadis got sent off...We lacked complete discipline.

We looked today as though we've become a team of individuals as opposed to playing as a team.

**Fab Cantaloupo**  
Asst coach, Sunshine Georgies

It was a great result...the boys did really well...we really needed some points especially after the draw last week. We managed to come from a goal down and the boys did well to keep their concentration levels to great height...we came away with the three points and especially pleasing to score four goals away from home.

**Man of the Match**  
**Fidell Richards**  
**(Bergers)**



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## MAGIC INJURY TIME EQUALIZER

GULLY SQUANDERS LEAD AND SHARES THE POINTS



### Green Gully 1 - 1 Altona Magic

A controversial injury time penalty against Green Gully's, Andy Vargas was enough for the Altona Magic to secure a valuable away point at Green Gully reserve on Sunday evening. The Cavaliers had virtually cashed in their three points, before an innocuous cross by Agim Sherifovski in the 93rd minute drew a penalty for the visitors, for a push by Andy Vargas on Magic's Igor Kolevski, much to the disdain of the Green and White faithful.

Both teams signalled their intentions early on, attacking at every opportunity. The home side were fluent in their ball movement, as the return of Jeffery Flemming and Roddy Vargas created a familiar feel to the reigning champions structure. Zoran Markovski took up the sweepers position, with Dragi Nastevski relegated to the bench. Gully's "Gaffer" Andrew Marth didn't stop them with the positional changes, playing the mercurial Andy Vargas on the left side of midfield. Whilst the Magic basically started with the same formation it has from round one, with the two Razov brothers patrolling the flanks, and the creative Igor Arsovski lurking in behind the leagues most informed striker, Sash Becvinovski.

After a few half chances falling to either side in the first half, the game began to open up late in the half. The Magic were unlucky not to go ahead in the 39th minute through Koce Delev. A neat one-two between Delev and Becvinovski pierced the heart of



Gully's defence, but unfortunately Delev's strike failed to live up to the foreplay. Three minutes later, an Andy Vargas free kick stretched the visitors' burly keeper Bojo Jevdevic, who just managed to get enough glove, to turn away one of Andy Vargas's "specials" for a corner.

The second half opened as it did in the first, with a few half chances falling to each side. In the 65th minute Pece Cergovski was in an ideal position to break the deadlock, but a rush of blood got the better of Cergovski, who flailed his shot wildly over the bar from five metres out.

Three minutes latter, the tenacious Richard Cardoza made the visitors pay for their rush of blood in front of goals. Jevdevic was slow to react from an Andy Vargas deflected shot. Cardoza pipped Magic's burly keeper to the ball, who subsequently chipped the keeper as he was running away from goals, to give the home side the lead.

Andy Vargas peppered the Magic goal in the 71st minute, but Jevdevic was equal to the task. The visitors pressed for the equal-

izer, but could not break down the resilient defence of the reigning champs.

Deep into injury time, a lofted Agim Sherifovski cross drew out a controversial penalty decision against Andy Vargas, who was adjudged to push Igor Kolevski in the back. Amid the avid protests from the home side, Becvinovski coolly converted the penalty and his 8th for the season, to level the game, 1-1.

By Bruno Zovko

**Andrew Marth**  
Coach, Green Gully:

I was very proud the way the boys played...it was probably our best game over the last two months...but unfortunately a bad decision at the end cost us the two points.

**Ken Murphy**  
Coach, Altona Magic:

We done okay...I felt as though we took the game to them for most of the game...we missed a few chances again and they scored a very good goal by Cardozo...at half time I felt quite good...it was a very even game and we were a little bit fortunate to get a soft penalty in the dying minutes...it's always satisfying to come away with a point after you thought you'd lost it.

**Man of the Match**  
**Richard Cardoza**  
(Gully)



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## PINES GIVE LEWIS DESERVED SEND OFF



TEMPERS BOIL AS PINES SALVAGE POINT

### Frankston Pines 1 - 1 South Melbourne



In a crucial match in the Vodafone Cup Frankston Pines held off South Melbourne to a 1-1 draw down at Monterey Reserve.

The game kicked off with a massive tribute from Frankston Pines to coach Craig Lewis who has left Frankston to go to Dubai with his family.

The first half of the match displayed the grudge and revenge that the Frankston Pines had against South Melbourne with three of its previous players transferring to South with much disgust from the Frankston team.

With both teams coming of a win South Melbourne who are just above the Pines on the Vodafone ladder did not hesitate to show Frankston what it was all about with South's Fernando De Moraes itching to score a goal for his team in setting up so many close opportunities.

With the nil score aggravating both teams the match was then broken as South Melbourne's Coveny scored in the fifth minute of the second half thanks to a cross from team-mate Demoraes.

The game then lead by South saw Frankston tighten up its defence and managed to keep South from scoring again with goal keeper Keiren McIvor saving shots that were coming from the South's striking force.

With a goal up his sleeve Coveny was then

sent off with a red card in the 58th minute of the second half, which left his team one man down to hold off the Pines from scoring.

With the last instructions to the Pines coach Craig Lewis put on a brave face in an effort to put on new team mate Craig Platt in hope that he would help lift his new team to victory or a draw.

It came in the sixty second minute of the second half, Craig Platt in an attempt to score joined striker team mates Nick Waite and Tass Psonis in missed opportunities. However a tap in the back of the net was all that Frankston needed from their new mate to equalise the score in keeping its chances alive.

The game, which then became a thriller and show down between the teams became to much for some players, missing on both sides shots directly in front of goals. Both sides used their substitute bench to try new tactics in order to break one another.

In the 70th minute Frankston's Colin Stewart whose performance in previous matches has led his team to victory was also sent off with a red card to then equalise the players on the field and lose the man up advantage that the Pines had.

The game to much detriment on both teams sake was very much on the edge in a nail biting thriller, the whistle was then blown and South Melbourne's cheer squad applauded their team with the draw, however, Frankston Pines also applauded themselves as part of their heart and soul of the team has left and now the remainder of the season for Frankston will be taken over by coach Adam Jamieson.

Well-done Craig and all the best in the future.

By Maria Katsidis

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**Craig Lewis**  
Coach, Frankston Pines:

I was really proud of my boys...they really stepped up and really took it to South Melbourne. We had a great game and were a little unfortunate to draw. Their commitment and character is what you need to be successful in this competition and it was a fantastic effort.

**John Anastasiadis**  
Coach, South Melbourne:

There's no doubt about it, as the game panned out towards the end, we should have won it...we had enough chances to stretch them in the last 10-15 minutes in the game. Once again we've had to compete with ten players, thanks to the referees, and were deprived...it was unjust this week, it was unjust last week, but we've got to put up with it I suppose. It was disappointing we missed out on the three points, but we'll take the point and go. They've got a lot of fighting spirit and it's a tough place to go for a result.



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## EAGLES TAME LIONS UNDER LIGHTS



**VISEVIC GOAL EARNS EAGLES MUCH NEEDED WIN**

**Richmond Eagles 1 - 0 Preston Lions**



The Richmond Eagles notched up their second win of the season against Preston Lions on Friday night in Round 12 of the Vodafone Cup.

With constant rain during the day and the postponement of the Under 21's fixture, the seniors game awaited on the outcome of a pitch inspection by referee Hakan Anaz. A large volume of water on the new pitch at Bartlett Reserve was of concern, but the ground was solid underfoot and free of puddles and when Anaz was able to kick a ball around without it getting stuck in the pitch it was clear that the game would go ahead in front of a very good crowd for such a cold and wet night.

Richmond was quick to get into action, James Robinson presenting Veton Korcarevski with a free header in front of goal which he put wide in the opening minute. Steve Burton then released Daniel Visevic on the left who struck the side netting. The bright opening for the home side was soon tempered with the loss of Josip Rajher with a knee injury inside the first ten minutes, James Baskerville brought on early as a substitute.

Ehsan Karahan tried to get the Lions into the action, launching a shot which went

wildly off target in the thirteenth minute. The Eagles then replied with Fergal O'Colmain overlapping and crossing for Brendan Beni who had his shot well saved by Goce Gruevski. Immediately on the counter attack Preston went close to scoring when Blaze Georgioski shot wide. A corner by Visevic saw the ball cleared back out to him and he shot at the near post where Gruevski collected the ball after an initial spill. When a Burton free kick was cleared only as far as Baskerville he fired in a shot which went over the crossbar.

Twenty minutes into the game Visevic unleashed from twenty-five yards, his strike forcing a one-handed tip over the crossbar from Gruevski. Yanni Galanos shot well wide from outside the area on the right. Pece Siveski also shot wide after the ball was laid back to him on the edge of the box. Burton supplied a good cross which Beni volleyed wide.

Visevic raced onto a through ball on thirty-five minutes, and was forced wide enough to delay shooting and then unable to cut the ball back for Burton when forced all the way to the byline.

When Baskerville headed wide late in the half, it meant an entertaining first stanza

would end with the score surprisingly still 0-0.

The second half began with Richmond continuing from where they left off. Six minutes in a shot from Beni on the right was palmed out by Gruevski and as Korcarevski tried to stab the ball home a sliding challenge saw the ball fly outside the post for a corner. Five minutes later came the goal that would win the match. Winning the ball on the edge of his own box, sweeper Tony Celentano set off on a run down the clubroom wing. Advancing well into the attacking half, he played the ball centrally where a dummy from Korcarevski left Visevic with the time and space to control the ball and send it past Gruevski for his fourth goal of the season.

Shaun Matthews shot well wide before Ibraim Ibraimi maintained Richmond's momentum when forcing Gruevski to turn the ball around the post for a corner. From the corner the ball fell to Korcarevski who saw his drive cleared off the line by Karahan. Galanos had another crack from long range sail over the bar. After a free kick for a foul on Beni was wasted, a quick counter saw Johnny Sapazovski have a great opportunity with Celentano slipping and Robbie Simioni advancing off his line but the shot went wide to the dismay of the Preston faithful.

With fifteen minutes left Burton found Korcarevski who forced Gruevski into another good save. Zia Younan put an effort wide for Preston just a minute later before Simioni saved with his feet from Sapazovski. Celentano marshaled his defence knowing a first clean sheet of the season would bring about a much needed win for the promoted side. A sickening collision when Gruevski punched a cross away left Beni on the ground, Gruevski sportingly coming to his aid and drawing the referee's attention to the situation. In the end it appeared Gruevski took more harm from the incident, regularly flexing his hand and showing discomfort, while after regaining his feet Beni completed the match comfortably. There was to be a very close scare in the eighty-ninth minute when Sapazovski played the ball from the right to Georgieski who scooped a shoot onto the crossbar.

From there Richmond managed to see out the injury time to win for the first time at Bartlett Reserve in the Vodafone Cup this season. Having lost Rajher and leading scorer James Robinson during the game to injury, the result was as sweet as they come for the home side, the points seeing Richmond draw level with Preston on the table.

By Mark Boric

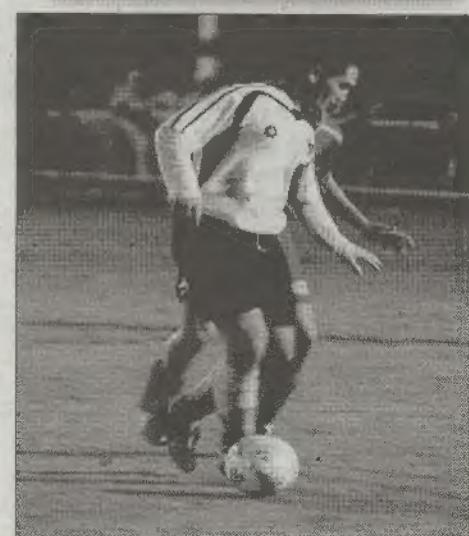
**Dean Hennessey**  
**Coach, Richmond Eagles:**

Good to get another win...it's been a long time between drinks from the first game of the season against Essendon...I thought on the night we thoroughly deserved it...1-0 I don't think was a fair reflection on the result...I think we should have won more comfortably than that, but to be honest with you, we would have taken anything on Friday night...really really pleased for everybody.

**Goran Lozanovski**  
**Coach, Preston Lions:**

Obviously disappointed that we lost...but in the end you have to give full credit to Richmond, they dominated most of the game and played really well in the first half. We were probably lucky we weren't down by more than one goal in the end...it was probably our worst performance since I've been at the club...our shining light was our keeper Goce Gruevski, who made it look better than what it was. There's not too much to say...it was pretty disappointing overall.

**Man of the Match**  
**Tony Celentano**  
**(Richmond)**



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## "SPITFIRE" CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY IN STYLE



SPITERI DOUBLE KEEPS KINGSTON FLYING STRONG

### Kingston City 2 - 0 Essendon Royals

On a bitter cold Friday evening in front of a small crowd at Osborne Ave., Joe Spiteri produced a scintillating display to secure a 2-0 victory and three valuable points for his beloved Kingston Reds against the improving Essendon Royals, on the eve of his birthday.

With a wet and extremely heavy pitch it looked like it was going to be a war of attrition, however to the credit of both sides it was a free flowing encounter with plenty of goal mouth action and very little indiscretion. Although the visitors started brightly with some early forays forward to test debutant Reds goalkeeper Daniel Zilic, it was the home side which struck in the 11th minute to open the scoring. The inspirational Spiteri steered an unstoppable header past Royals Marko Sutalo giving him absolutely no chance following a pin point cross from left winger Jim Latinopoulos.

The early goal set the tone for the match and forced the visitors to come out of their shell and play enterprising football, much to the delight of both sets of supporters. Alex Kiratzoglou was in fine form controlling the midfield and was linking up well with his strikers, which almost carved in a second goal following some good interplay, Michael Curcija released Spiteri who found

the angle too acute and could only manage to hit the side netting.

The Royals best opportunity fell to David Pilic late in the first half when he found space and time to strike his volley towards goals, however unfortunately for the Roayls he was brilliantly denied by some desperate Reds defenders who were able to deflect the ball wide.

The second stanza began at a frenetic pace and should have seen Pilic equalise for the visitors. The playmaker spotted Zilic off his line and attempted an audacious chip from the edge of the box which fell unluckily on the wrong side of the upright, much to the relief of Zilic whose blushes were saved.

The home side realised they would need a second goal to put the result beyond doubt and introduced attacking midfielder Dimitri Tsiaris, to replace the tiring Joey Di Iorio. The youngster had an immediate impact and injected a new sense of urgency in the middle of the park, linking up well with Kiratzoglou and the wingers.

With fifteen minutes to play in the match, "Spitfire" the human battering ram produced another moment of magic to carve up the Royals defence and put the result

beyond doubt. Spiteri's brute strength and persistence allowed him to round Pir Serdar on the left wing and then supply an inch perfect pass for Curcija, who only needed to tap it in to make the score 2-0. This capped a superb man of the match performance for the captain who turns 33 years of age on Saturday.

To the Royals credit, although the result was seemingly beyond them they continued to persevere and caused some anxious moments for the "maturing" Reds defence and goalkeeper Zilic who twice fumbled the slippery ball and allowed gilt edge opportunities for Henry Fa'Arodo and Pilic who couldn't capitalise with a consolation.

The result will please the Reds coach and keeps their unbeaten home record in tact, whilst puts them back on track for a top two finish. In contrast, the Royals must significantly improve their away record if they are to be a chance to play finals football.

By Chris Priftis

**Man of the Match**  
**Joe Spiteri**  
(Kingston)

George Katsakis  
Coach, Kingston City:

I thought we're back on track...it's all starting to come together again and I was really pleased with the way we applied ourselves. We managed to keep possession for long periods of time, without turning it over in difficult conditions. It was good to have a bit of momentum and in general terms we're starting to look like we did in the first five weeks.

Luciano Trani  
Coach, Essendon Royals:

We only started to come into the game after they scored really...our final third throughout the night let us down...our service into the penalty box, the crosses were a fraction too low, our deliveries are something that we need to do better with...it's a case of having to do better and hopefully we can improve on that in the next game against Preston.



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## VENETO SHOWDOWN FOR REBOUNDING ZEBRAS



CANNONS PREPARED TO CONTINUE ON WITH STREAK

### Bulleen Zebras vs Oakleigh Cannons



Tonight's Vodafone Cup Round 12 match pits the high-flying Oakleigh Cannons who are yet to lose a match against the Bulleen Zebras.

Talk about teams in a different league, Oakleigh go into this encounter against the Zebras five points clear at the top of the league table and still ecstatic from their 5-2 win in last weeks clash against Richmond Eagles. Two of their five strikes came from the in form Esala Masi who now takes his seasons

total to an impressive six goals in just eleven games this season. Coach Stuart Munroe will definitely be hoping that the Masi's radar is in perfect condition.

The Zebras will be looking to bounce back after a 4-1 thumping from South Melbourne. Defensively the Zebras have looked reasonably solid this season and coach Michael Michalakopoulos will be looking to his side to try and forget the result against South Melbourne and return to winning ways af-

ter being undefeated for nearly six weeks before last week's game.

In last years two fixtures you could not split the sides with a 0-0 in the first game in Round 7 at Oakleigh, then in Round 20 it was a 1-1 draw at the Veneto club, so do not be surprised if this game is a scoring draw this season.

Surprisingly after 11 games head to head its Bulleen with seven wins and Oakleigh still to register a win with four draws, this is perhaps a surprising stat that begs to be tested.

By Paul Jefferies



**Michael Michalakopoulos**  
Coach, Bulleen Zebras:

It's probably going to be our biggest challenge to date...we still don't have a full squad to pick from, but hopefully Ricky Diaco will be available.

It's a great challenge to look forward to...we were a bit disappointing last week after six very good weeks where we didn't taste defeat...I think Oakleigh is due for a loss and why not Bulleen Zebras being the first team to beat them this season. We just need everyone on the park raring to go and can't afford to have any passengers.

**Stuart Munro**  
Coach, Oakleigh Cannons:

Hopefully it will be more of the same from us. They'll obviously be smarting from their result last week and looking to make amends...I'm expecting a difficult game on Monday night...they've played quite well this season, apart from the result against South Melbourne. We've had a ten day break to rest up so hopefully everybody will be available for selection.

#### MONDAY MATCH STATS

	BZ	OC
Recent form HOME	D-W-W-L	W-W-W-D
Recent form AWAY	L-D-W-L	W-W-D-W

Next info is based on last 50 matches	
Home win	39%
Home draw	39%
Home lost	22%
Home goals	1.11 PM 1.95 PM
Away win	16%
Away draw	32%
Away lost	53%
Away goals	0.63 PM 2.06 PM

Bulleen - Oakleigh - PAST MATCHES:  
04-07-2005 VPL Bulleen Oakleigh 1 - 1  
18-03-2005 VPL Oakleigh Bulleen 0 - 0

PM= Per Match

#### MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

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# BLUES THIRSTY FOR POINTS

KNIGHTS PREPARED TO RETURN HOME WITH SPOILS



On Monday night, the embattled Fawkner-Whittlesea Blues play host to the fifth placed Melbourne Knights at Epping Stadium.

After being held to a 1-1 result against the fighting Essendon Royals last week, the Blues will be hoping a positive result this round may be the catalyst to turn its season around and spark a surge up the Vodafone Cup table.

Currently lying in 10th position, Fawkner has struggled in recent weeks to maintain consistency, with its defence proving to be the side's Achilles heel. Although Sasa Ognenovski, an apparent A-League target, has led admirably at the back, Fawkner has found it increasingly difficult to earn a clean sheet, conceding a goal in every fixture this season. With the defence key to any strong side, it is likely that coach John Markovski will be focusing on this aspect heavily and hoping to arrest the side's penchant for leaking soft goals come Monday night.

At the other end of the field the Blues have proved to be one of the competitions most free-flowing units, scoring goals almost at will. They are cur-

rently second in the league in goals scored with 20 for the season, with forward Mark Tsiorias top scorer with six strikes to his name. Carl Recchia has proved to be a great addition to the Blues line-up, having scored five goals thus far, in a midfield role that has seen him push further up the park than was so during his time with the Victory.

Since round five, Fawkner-Whittlesea has recorded a single win for the season, that being a 3-2 victory over Richmond, but since then, Fawkner has developed the uncanny habit of yielding leads in the second half, as they succumbed to Kingston after holding a 2-1 advantage, before losing to lowly Preston, conceding two goals in the last five minutes.

With a game in hand, the Melbourne Knights are currently sitting comfortably in fourth spot on the table. However, the Knights, will be seeking to rectify a recent form slump which has seen the Josip Biskic lead side record a single win since Round 4, that being a 1-0 away win over reigning premiers Green Gully two weeks ago. The team has proved to possess the most disciplined defence in the state conceding a miserly eight goals for the season, four less than the next best side in the competition. With Neven Antic a standout down back, the Knights have had little worries in confounding sides to clean sheets, with the defence not conceding a goal on four occasions.

Nonetheless, despite possessing one of the competitions most talented attackers, in the form of Nathan Caldwell, who has scored five goals in ten matches, Melbourne has struggled to find the back of the net scoring only 13 goals, the lowest total of sides currently sitting in the six finals positions. In order to transform the side from a capable unit into a championship contender, Biskic would be hoping for the team to score more frequently.

Recently, the Knights have struggled to assert their dominance over opposition, losing to the Pines by a single goal, before defeating Green

Gully and drawing against last season's other grand-finalists, Heidelberg.

Whilst the Knights would view the contest as a chance to consolidate a place in the top six, a Blues victory would lift the club to within touching distance of the finals positions, and would be a great confidence boost for Markovski's side as the season reaches its half way mark. However, the Knights appear the stronger side and should be able to overcome the Blues to record a win, but Fawkner-Whittlesea cannot be discounted as they possess the attacking arsenal to cause an upset.

By Simon Chiarelli



**Tony Cianceri  
Asst coach, Fawkner Blues:**  
*We're expecting a tough game from the Melbourne Knights on Monday night. They're a tough unit and we need to be playing at our absolute best to be able to match them. The boys have had a good week at training and we're all pretty positive going in for this one...as a club we need results to move into the top half of the league and we'll have to stay focussed to grind out a result.*

**Jo Biskic  
Coach, Melbourne Knights:**

*What can I say about Fawkner? They're an unpredictable team and you never know... I'm expecting an interesting game. Like us they'll obviously be looking for the win... hopefully I'll have some of my guys back and*

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Recent form HOME	L-L-W-L	D-L D D
Recent form AWAY	D L W L	W-L-W-W

Next info is based on last 50 matches		
Home win	44%	28%
Home draw	11%	36%
Home lost	44%	36%
Home goals	1.83 PM	1.22 PM
Away win	37%	38%
Away draw	32%	16%
Away lost	32%	46%
Away goals	1.79 PM	1.5 PM

Fawkner-W - Melb Knights - PAST MATCHES:  
12-06-2005 VPL Melb Knights Fawkner-W 0 - 1  
28-02-2005 VPL Fawkner-W Melb. Knights 3 - 1

PM= Per match

## MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Pascoe Vale SG	5	4	1	0	12	3	13
Laior United SC	5	4	0	1	9	3	12
Williamstown SC	5	4	0	1	7	1	12
Westgate FC	5	3	1	1	11	6	10
Altona City SC	5	3	0	2	7	8	
Banyule City SC	5	2	1	2	11	10	7
Kellar Park SC	5	2	1	2	9	10	7
Thomastown Devils SC	5	0	4	1	3	4	4
Maribyrnong Greens SC	5	1	1	3	5	10	4
Yarraville Glory FC	5	0	3	2	3	8	3
Moreland City SC	5	0	1	4	2	8	1
Westvale SC	5	0	1	4	8	17	1

Kellar Park 1 Westvale 1, Laior United 2 Altona City 3, Thomastown Devils 1 Westgate 0 Moreland City 3 Williamstown 3, Pascoe Vale 1 Maribyrnong Greens 1 Yarraville Glory 2 Banyule City 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Kellar Park SC	5	3	2	0	12	4	11
Moreland City SC	5	3	2	0	10	4	11
Altona City SC	4	2	2	0	6	3	8
Thomastown Devils SC	5	2	2	1	7	5	8
Weavale SC	4	2	2	0	7	5	8
Maribyrnong Greens SC	5	2	2	1	7	6	6
Pascoe Vale SC	5	2	2	6	7	7	
Laior United SC	4	1	2	2	8	0	4
Banyule City SC	5	1	1	3	5	9	4
Williamstown SC	5	0	2	3	9	12	3
Yarraville Glory FC	5	0	2	3	5	10	2
Westgate FC	4	0	1	3	8	1	8

**Seniors**
**NORTH WEST**
**Reserves**

Werribee City 1 (B Bora) La Trobe University 0 (HT 1-0), Ballarat Soccer Club 2 (D Middlemiss, Geelong 2 (S Kanapathy, L Rusterovski) (HT 1-0), Sydenham Park 1 (S Stojanovski) Corio 1 (V Kalogeracos, D Sobeyki, C Rakic) (HT 0-1), North Sunshine Eagles 1 (C Macedo) Western Eagles 3 (L Barros, R Begalinski 2) (HT 0-1), Geelong Rangers 2 (S Begg, D McCullum) Laior 0 (HT 1-0), Albion Rovers 1 (S Gheo) Sunbury United 2 (V Ferardo, A Lejcek) (HT 1-1)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Werribee City SC	5	5	0	1	5	15	
Sunbury United SC	5	5	0	1	1	21	15
Geelong Rangers SC	5	3	0	2	13	8	9
La Trobe University SC	5	3	0	1	20	7	9
Corio SC	5	3	0	2	9	8	9
Ballarat Soccer Club	5	2	1	2	5	6	8
Sydenham Park SC	5	2	1	2	9	11	7
Western Eagles SC	5	2	0	3	4	6	6
Albion Rovers SC	5	1	1	3	10	12	4
Laior SC	5	1	1	3	8	11	4
Geelong SC	5	0	1	4	5	12	1
North Sunshine Eagles SC	5	0	0	5	5	20	0

Werribee City 2 La Trobe University 4, Ballarat Soccer Club 4 Geelong 0, Sydenham Park Corio North Sunshine Eagles Western Eagles Geelong Rangers 2 Laior 3, Albion Rovers 2 Sunbury United 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Laior SC	5	4	1	0	17	2	13
La Trobe University SC	5	4	0	1	13	5	12
Geelong Rangers SC	5	3	1	2	13	6	9
Corio SC	5	3	0	2	9	8	9
Ballarat Soccer Club	5	3	0	2	10	8	9
Sydenham Park SC	5	2	1	2	9	11	7
Western Eagles SC	5	2	0	3	4	6	6
Albion Rovers SC	5	1	1	3	10	12	4
Geelong SC	5	1	1	3	8	11	4
North Sunshine Eagles SC	5	0	0	4	0	12	0

**Seniors**
**PROV 1 NORTH WEST**
**Reserves**

Avondale Heights 0 Laverton Park 0 (HT 0-0), Elwood City 4 (N Ribeiro, K Ojeasi 2, R Grant) Brimbank 1 (S Kuanek A Nithal) (HT 1-0), Hume United 0 Melbourne University Rangers 1 (D Johnson), Darebin United 5 (C Karankatis, T Pouliotzis, N Cangarolis 2, G Antonopoulos) Mill Park 0 (HT 2-0), Glenroy Hoppers Crossing (HT -), Melbourne City 0 Plenty Valley Lions 1 (C Nikouskis) (HT 0-0)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Melbourne University	5	3	2	0	11	4	11
Hume United SC	5	3	1	0	18	5	10
Plenty Valley Lions FC	5	3	1	1	6	3	10
Avondale Heights SC	5	2	3	0	14	3	9
Elwood City SC	5	3	0	2	15	9	9
Darebin United SC	5	2	3	0	10	4	9
Laverton Park SC	5	2	2	1	9	5	8
Glenroy SC	4	1	3	0	6	5	8
Hoppers Crossing SC	4	1	2	1	9	7	5
Melbourne City SC	5	0	1	4	3	13	1
Brimbank SC	5	0	0	5	2	18	0
Mill Park SC	5	0	0	5	2	28	0

Avondale Heights 5 Laverton Park 1 Elwood City 7 Brimbank 1 Hume United 1 Melbourne University Rangers 2 Darebin United 5 Mill Park 3, Glenroy 2 Hoppers Crossing 2 Melbourne City 1 Plenty Valley Lions 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
North City Lions SC	5	4	1	0	17	5	13
Hume United SC	5	4	0	1	18	4	12
Elwood City SC	5	3	1	1	17	5	10
Avondale Heights SC	5	3	1	1	15	9	10
Glenroy Crossing SC	5	3	1	1	14	11	10
Melbourne University	5	2	2	1	10	6	8
Laverton Park SC	5	2	0	3	5	12	8
Glenroy SC	5	1	2	2	10	12	5
Darebin United SC	5	1	1	3	11	22	4
Brimbank SC	5	0	3	2	7	14	3
Mill Park SC	5	0	0	5	8	19	0

**Seniors**
**PROV 1 NORTH WEST**
**Reserves**

Collingwood City 2 (D Cappelletti 2) Northern United 0 (HT 1-0), Melbourne Tomato 4 (R Bazzatic, A Butar L Stolica, N Jugović) Whitemes United 2 (Y Berdelek, C Aydin, D Devslogic) (HT 1-0), South Yarra 0 Uni Of Melbourne Blues 2 Northern Falcons 1 Broadmeadows United 0 (HT 0-0), Northern Falcons 1 (F Borlotti) Broadmeadows United 2 (A Erasian, O Ucak) (HT 0-2), Brimbank City 0 West Preston 2 (F Marin, R Zabec) (HT 0-2), Moreland United 1 North City Lions 1 (T Dellakouris) (HT 0-1)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT




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# STATE LEAGUE ONE

Round 6



Wins to North Geelong Warriors and Langwarrin see both sides remain unbeaten and occupying the top two spots on the table after five rounds. Western Suburbs, Northcote City and St. Albans recovered from round four losses to gain maximum points from their respective clashes while Altona East and Bentleigh have had their winless streaks prolonged with a nil-all draw.

In the only Saturday afternoon match, North Geelong continued their sensational start to State League One football with an authoritative 4-1 victory against Brunswick City at Elcho Park.

The Warriors went into the half time break a goal ahead, David Cervinski's 25th minute header off a Greg Saric free kick the difference between the sides. Brunswick was able to peg back the deficit 15 minutes from the restart through Benjamin Stafrace.

What soon followed was complete domination from the home side with Adrian Cervinski restoring North Geelong's lead after accepting an Ante Deak cross five minutes later. Deak assured the points with an 80th minute strike before Tony Saric added the icing five minutes from time.

"In that ten, 15 minute (period) that they (Brunswick) had, they pinched a goal back. But once that goal went in it gave everyone a wake-up call and we just powered on to score three goals in the end and it could've been a few more," said North Geelong coach Robert Krajacic.

The Warriors are enjoying a significant home ground advantage and if early season form is anything to go by, they will be extremely tough to overcome at their Elcho Park base having already scored 13 goals from three matches while conceding five. The question is whether visiting sides are dreading the trip out west, with Krajacic surprised with the result between the second and third placed teams.

"We're finding a lot of teams are coming there (Elcho Park) to basically play for a point and they're walking away with nothing at the moment so we wait for teams to play against us," said Krajacic.

Another side benefiting at home are Western Suburbs and they maintained their unbeaten record at Ralph Reserve; second half goals to Lorenz Kindtnar and Leandro Rizzo helping Suburbs see off Springvale



White Eagles 2-0.

Kindtnar put the hosts ahead two minutes into the half with a smashing strike five yards out from goal. Rizzo put the result beyond doubt in the 75th minute after beating the keeper one-out.

"In the first half both teams had chances (at goal) but didn't capitalise on them," said Western Suburbs coach Mike Chatzitifonas.

"Look, I thought the two-nil result was a reflection of the game. I thought we played quite well and deserved to win the game. We dominated for most periods of the game."

Western Suburbs are yet to drop a point, or concede a goal, at home but the test will come for the club next week when they trek to Altona East as Suburbs are yet to strike form on their travels with two losses from two games and without a goal scored.

Following in the steps of Western Suburbs, Northcote also sustained their one hundred percent record at home with a 1-0 win over Dandenong at John Cain Reserve.

The solitary goal coming in the 39th minute through Trent Rixon after build up play involving George Papadopoulos, Filip Tortelevski and Rauf Samad.

Most pleasing for Northcote and coach Andy O'Dell was that their list of new signings, which include Rixon, Papadopoulos and Tortelevski, all had a significant hand in the result.

Simon O'Donnell's 47th minute goal maintained Langwarrin's solid start to the season with a 1-0 win over a desperately out-of-form North Coburg at Red-

dish Reserve.

O'Donnell caught the North Coburg defence napping when he used his pace to beat three defenders and latch onto a long ball played in by David Breslin to strike from 15 yards out. In quagmire conditions, Langwarrin's composure and better organisation prevented the home side from gathering any momentum, managing to hold onto their slender advantage quite comfortably.

After making the semi finals of the pre-season cup competition, these are worrying times for North Coburg who surprisingly find themselves rooted at the foot of the table without a win and only one point to their name.

Bentleigh Greens and Altona East Phoenix played out a goalless draw at Bentleigh's Kingston Heath Soccer Complex. Both sides have found wins hard to come by with Altona and Bentleigh receiving their three point hauls back in round two.

St. Albans were able to leapfrog Bentleigh and Altona East on the league standings with a 3-1 defeat of Port Melbourne at Churchill Reserve.

In the second half, goals to Daniel Gecic and Ivan Filipovic saw St. Albans race to a 2-0 lead before Evan Papadopoulos poached one back for the visitors. The game was killed off eight minutes from time through Josip Loncaric.

By Chris Veruccio

## ROUND SIX FIXTURES

Brunswick City

v North Coburg United  
13 May 06 3:00PM  
Dunstan Reserve

Dandenong Thunder

v North Geelong Warriors  
13 May 06 3:00PM  
George Andrews Reserve

Langwarrin

v Bentleigh Greens  
13 May 06 3:00PM  
Lawton Park Reserve

Port Melbourne

v Northcote City  
13 May 06 5:00PM  
SS Anderson Reserve

Springvale White Eagles

v St. Albans Saints  
13 May 06 7:30PM  
Serbian Sports Centre

Altona East Phoenix

v Western Suburbs  
14 May 06 3:00PM  
Paisley Park

## TOP SCORERS

### STATE LEAGUE ONE LADDER AND RESULTS

North Geelong Warriors 4 (D Cervinski, A Cervinski, A Deak, T Saric) Brunswick City 1 (B Stafrace) (HT: 1-0), Bentleigh Greens 0 Altona East Phoenix 0 (HT: 0-0), Western Suburbs 2 (L Kindtnar, L Rizzo) Springvale White Eagles 0 (HT: 0-0), St. Albans Saints 3 (J Loncaric, D Gecic) Port Melbourne 1 (E Papadopoulos) (HT: 0-0), Northcote City 1 (T Rixon) Dandenong Thunder 0 (HT: 1-0), North Coburg United 0 Langwarrin 1 (S O'Donnell) (HT: 0-0),

### RESERVES

North Geelong Warriors 0 Brunswick City 1, Bentleigh Greens 1 Altona East Phoenix 2, Western Suburbs 1 Springvale White Eagles 1, St. Albans Saints Port Melbourne , Northcote City 3 Dandenong Thunder 0, North Coburg United Langwarrin

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
North Geelong Warriors SC	4	3	1	0	15	6	10
Langwarrin SC	5	2	3	0	8	3	9
Western Suburbs SC	5	3	0	2	4	4	9
Springvale White Eagles SC	5	3	0	2	6	8	9
St. Albans Saints SC	5	2	1	2	8	6	7
Brunswick City SC	5	2	1	2	10	12	7
Northcote City SC	5	2	1	2	6	10	7
Bentleigh Greens SC	5	1	3	1	11	6	6
Altona East Phoenix SC	5	1	3	1	3	3	6
Port Melbourne Sharks SC	5	1	1	3	4	7	4
Dandenong Thunder SC	5	1	1	3	3	10	4
North Coburg United SC	4	0	1	3	1	4	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Dandenong Thunder SC	5	4	0	1	12	3	12
Langwarrin SC	4	3	1	0	19	8	10
Northcote City SC	4	3	0	1	9	8	9
Springvale White Eagles SC	5	2	2	1	12	8	8
Brunswick City SC	4	2	1	1	8	7	7
Western Suburbs SC	5	2	1	2	6	7	7
St. Albans Saints SC	4	1	1	2	7	11	4
Bentleigh Greens SC	5	1	1	3	8	13	4
Altona East Phoenix SC	5	1	1	3	6	14	4
North Coburg United SC	3	1	0	2	4	5	3
Port Melbourne Sharks SC	4	1	0	3	4	8	3
North Geelong Warriors SC	4	0	2	2	7	10	2





# STATE LEAGUES



## MATCH REPORTS

### CHANCES SQUANDERED, POINTS SHARED

**Chelsea 2  
Knox City 2**

This match ultimately was two points lost for both teams as Chelsea squandered a two goal half-time advantage and Knox City missed a couple of golden chances to win the game after clawing their way back to even terms.

The tone was set in the first five minutes. Jorgensen twice saved Knox with excellent saves and Matt Durand was unlucky for the visitors when he lobbed Klarica in the Chelsea goal from fully 35 metres only to see the ball drift agonizingly inches wide of the post.

Chelsea were by far the better side in the first half as they exploited the wind and slope to create enough chances to have the game sewn up by half-time.

The home side took the lead in the twentieth minute when a cross from the left wing bounced awkwardly and the ball struck Swami on the hand. Tudor made no mistake from the spot as he sent Jorgensen the wrong way.

Knox hit back and were unlucky when Vernon's fierce shot hit the crossbar and rebounded to safety. At the other end, Jorgensen kept Knox in the game with another couple of fine saves.

Thirty five minutes in and Chelsea doubled their advantage when Diaco picked up a loose ball on the edge of the area, swiveled and unerringly drove the ball into the far corner of the net.

Knox came out in determined fashion after the break and should have pulled a goal back after only two minutes but they were denied by a goal-line clearance with the keeper beaten.

The momentum was with the visitors at this stage and they were handed a lifeline when Klarica spilled the ball and Matt Durand had the simple job of tapping the ball into the net. The pressure from Knox by now constant and Matt Durand should have equalized when he met a corner with an unchallenged header, which flashed wide of the goal. Spina was then presented with a golden chance when the ball fell to him but with only the keeper to beat he poked his shot wide.

With twenty minutes to go, Spina made amends when he cut inside his defender and beat Klarica at the near post with a right foot shot.

Chris Durand then went close for Knox with a 20 metre shot after Chelsea had failed to clear a corner and the visitors were looking the stronger at this stage.

With time running out, Chelsea lifted a gear and Di Pietro was inches away from connecting with a left wing cross.

A game of two halves left both sides regretting their missed chances and each side had to be content with a point each.

By Bruce Darnell



### SOUTH SPRINGVALE KNICKS IT AT THE END

**Diamond Valley 1  
South Springvale 2**

Diamond Valley were left to rue missed chances and a complete lack of concentration in the dying minutes when they went under to South Springvale on Saturday.

All credit to the visitors who never gave up and won the points with two late goals.

There was little between the teams in the early stages. Both defences were well marshalled and afforded little scope to the opposing attackers.

Glen Davie was in charge of the home defence and Cam Catherine held the visitors backline together.

The midfield came more into the game with Erol Ergin pushing the Valley forward along with Mark Court. Richard Swinger and Con Harbis provided much of the drive for South Springvale.

Sefgi Murat brought out a good save from Tony Sango then Cihan Kara stopped an attack by the visitors. South's close marking upset the Valley's rhythm and then Valley suffered a blow when Ergin got a bad knock on the thigh and was replaced by Kevin Unwin.

Alan Cameron and Murat plugged away and both were unlucky not to find the net. Cameron and Cosson both had shots blocked at the other end and the half ended without a score.

Valley opened the second half with a rush and within 4 mins went ahead.

They were awarded a free kick on the edge of the box after the usual tribal dance around the ball mark court hit a high shot into the net with Sango helpless. Immediately after the restart Unwin fired a shot from the edge of the box which hit the junction post and crossbar with Sango beaten.

The visitors fought back and had a brief period of control where Dimitris came close to equalising with a header. Valley replied and both Cameron and Court burst through only to be foiled by the brilliance of Stago.

Murat came close to extending Valley's lead after good work from Cameron and then Dimitris hit a free kick from 25m, which brought out the best in Guler. Another blow to Valley came in the 81st min. when Cosson took the long walk after receiving a second yellow card. South took control and Valley's concentration waned. Five minutes from time Swinger picked up a clearance 35 metres out and with all the time in the world hit a low shot which deceived Guler and went in off the post.

Wilhelm had a chance to restore Valley's lead but his shot from the edge of the box went narrowly past and then disaster for the Valley. Tzouramanis picked up another clearance way out on the right wing, none of the Valley's players could be bothered to close him down or put any pressure on him, and his speculative shot found the net again, courtesy of a post.

Very disappointing for the Valley, but all credit to South who never gave up and proved the adage that the game isn't over until the final whistle.

It was a much happier story for the Valley reserves who at last realised their potential with a very good 3-1 win.

Jonathon Angeles one of the smallest players in the park netted the first with a header from Mursal Bolat's

South equalised after the break before the enigmatic Vic Falcone burst into life and knocked in a goal, one courtesy of a defender's knee and a glorious shot on the angle from 30 metres.

Next week Valley are away to the unpredictable Knox City at Egan Lee Reserve.

By Gordon Kirkwoo

### RANGERS OUTCLASS LALOR

**Geelong Rangers 2  
Lalor 0**

State League 3 N/W Lalor Soccer Club traveled across the Princess Hwy on Saturday and visited Geelong Rangers.

This mid-table clash would almost leave the loser with no chance for promotion as the league leaders, Werribee and Sunbury have gone undefeated for the first five rounds.

Lalor dominated the first 20 minutes of the game but couldn't find the net with Sam Arico coming close with a long range shot hitting the crossbar.

Geelong Rangers worked the counter attack well and at 27th minute Stuart Begg converted brilliantly from 30 yards beating Lalor's keeper John Kyrgios who was well off his line.

The home side took the lead into the break and with Lalor coming out in the second half as they did in the first dominating with good play all over the pitch but struggled to trouble Rangers keeper.

Geelong Rangers weren't going to concede the lead and kept on pushing on the counter and at the 68th found the back of the net through Darren McCallum getting his foot to a goal mouth scrum.

With Rangers being 2-0 up they pushed the team into the backline and held out Lalor for the remaining 20 minutes.

Lalor will play Albion at home next Saturday as both teams occupy 9th and 10th positions on the ladder both teams on 4 points with the league leaders Werribee and Sunbury on 15.

By Jim Grammenos

The ladder is starting to take shape, with Southern Suburbs unbeaten 2 points clear of White Star Dandenong and Doveton on 13 points. The rest of the field is relatively tight, with Croydon in 4th on 7 points and bottom spot on 1 point.

Over and out

By Andrew Mashouan

### NORTH GEELONG SILENCE CITY IN DRUBBING

**North Geelong 4  
Brunswick City 1**

The new boys of State League One, North Geelong, have sent out the message that they are the real deal with a convincing 4-1 win over Brunswick City.

The trip out to Lara for the Brunswick boys was one of high expectations but that did not eventuate as the new look North Geelong team led for almost the entire game. Brunswick without Karkaletsis (viral infection) did not have an impressive start as David Cervinski opened the scoring in the 19' when his glancing header from Sanc's free kick beat Morales to open the score.

Brunswick struggled in the middle of the park and the supply from midfield to the forwards was quite disappointing. Brunswick's best chance to equalise came in the 34' when a Stafrace cross was met by C. Vouloumanos whose resulting shot was put over the bar, quite disappointing considering he was 12 yards out. The score at the break remained at 1-0 and the home team went in to the rooms with a deserved lead. Brunswick tried their best to change the momentum of the game and in the 74' were rewarded for their efforts with an equaliser after Stafrace latched on to a Tsimiklis through ball and calmly slotted the ball under the advancing keeper to make it 1-1.

Before Brunswick had another chance to mount a challenge North Geelong regained the lead. A Brunswick City attack from the right was quickly thwarted and with an immediate transition to the opposite right wing a cross was put into the danger zone where Adrian Cervinski headed truly. In the ensuing fifteen minutes Brunswick threw caution to the wind in search of an equaliser. In their endeavour risks were taken and cracks began to appear in the defence.

In fact Morales was forced to make a good one on one save in the 87' but three minutes later good do nothing to prevent Ante Deak from scoring as the counter attack by the Warriors saw a three versus one break giving the solitary Brunswick defender almost no chance.

The icing was placed on the cake in the 91' as a Danos mistake was quickly pounced on by Sanc who made it 4-1.

**Goalscorers:** B. Stafrace 74', D. Cervinski 19', A. Cervinski 75', A. Deak 90', T. Sanc 91'  
**Best:** Danos, Stafrace, Greechan, Tsimiklis

**Line up:** Morales, Zach, Danos, J. Vouloumanos, Squillaciotti, Jackson, Tsimiklis, Oliveira (Galea 46'), C. Vouloumanos (82' Ayache), Greechan, Stafrace

**Reserves:** The reserves had a hard fought 1-0 with James Sherman scoring the winner after flying high to head home Karavitis cross from a corner. Brunswick dominated for large periods of the game mainly through their strong midfield. A dubious disallowed goal as well as some good saves by the North Geelong keeper prevented the score from being higher. Overall a good display from the young side who appear to be getting stronger with each game.

**Best:** Franklin, Karavitis, Sherman, Papageorgiou, Karalis  
**By Elias Simopoulos**

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**Vodafone Cup**  
Monday Night Football  
with John Caniglia



A collage of five action-oriented photographs from a football game. The images include a close-up of a player's face, a player running with the ball, a player being tackled, a player in a green jersey, and a player in a white jersey.

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# FAWKNER-WHITE



**Back Row:** Michael Packovski, Mark Tsiorias, Mai Implombato, R.  
**Standing Row:** Denis Govic, (Team Manager), Greg Lombardo, Carl Recchia, Steven Tirovski (Capt)  
**Sitting Row:** Tom Packovski (Goalkeeper Coach), Juri Siljanovski, Sasa Ognenovski (Vice Capt),  
Tony Sterjovski (Deputy Vice Capt), Danny Ma  
**Front Row:** Ozzie Gurkan, Anthony Colosimo, D  
**Absent:** Mark Silic, Peter Dimovski, J





Nicky Chillico, Nana Addo, Michael Bocevski,  
(in), Kenny Gerohristodolou, Mark Vazzola, Eddie Awad, John Markov (Physio).  
Captain), John Markovski (Head Coach), Tony Giantar (Asst Coach),  
Darevski, Zoran Petrevski.  
Napoli, Jason Principato.  
Angelovski

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# THE PERFECT PLACE TO CELEBRATE

# BOO'S WORLD

A caustic look at the World of Football according to Mark Boos

England has a new manager for after the World Cup, Steve McLaren. It has now been so long since an English manager won a trophy it seems if you are English and can avoid getting your Premiership club relegated you have a chance of getting the top job.

Pierre Littbarski is no longer the coach at Sydney FC, after leading them to the Championship. Tough caper this coaching lark, though there are jobs in leagues with no relegation. Jobs where the club's ambition may be merely to finish ahead of the New Zealand Knights.

Wayne Rooney is injured but I'm sure everyone knows that already. The David Beckham prayer mats are being recycled from the last World Cup, and soon Uri Geller will lead England fans in holding hands to create the positive energy which will bring Rooney back to full fitness.

With some ill-feeling after three players crossed from Pines to South, it is unsurprising that there were two players sent off in the Frankston v South Melbourne clash.

Mark Viduka's Middlesbrough (he owns both them and the stand at Knights Stadium, you know) are in the UEFA Cup Final this week, and behind him will be an Aussie goalkeeper in either Mark Schwarzer or Brad Jones. With the end of the European season we are lucky the World Cup will soon be on to save us from madness. Staying up all night to watch football not really being a certifiable act of madness.

As good as a World Cup ticket would be a ringside seat at the next Green Gully v Sun-

shine Georgies clash. Though maybe in this case the ringside seats would be used in the action! Green Gully Vision may even bring us some Football Factory-style action.

If you have any friends that are Aussie Rules fans who keep telling you our football doesn't have enough goals, get them down to Dandenong City and they will learn otherwise. 0-11, 0-5, 2-6, 1-6 and 0-10 has not been the best of starts to the season though.

Read with interest last week's Katsa's Korner in which he boasted of beating a current Vodafone Cup player in an after training sprint. At Richmond there is a player I could probably beat and I fall into the snail category. I won't name the player, but if I get enough e-mail feedback I could discuss the responses in next week's column.



Andreas Oliviera watching his back in South Melbourne colours as he goes for the ball at Monterey Reserve on Saturday

I'm disappointed Taha Cerritelli was not nominated for a Logie this year. Something for the football community to work on next year.

Until next week,

I don't hear any real remorse, dude.

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## ON THE BOX

The FFV Football Show  
Channel 31  
Wednesday, 9pm  
featuring Vodafone Cup highlights of  
Altona Magic v Leigh Cannons

The Green Gully Soccer Show  
Channel 31  
Saturdays, 10.30am

UEFA Cup Final  
Middlesbrough v Seville  
SBS  
Thursday 11th May

FA Cup Final  
Liverpool v West Ham United  
SBS  
Saturday 13th May, 10.30am

Scottish Cup Final  
Hearts v Gretna

The World Game

SBS

## ON THE AIRWAVES

The Sunday R...  
The 90th Minute  
Monday Night Football  
With John Gossage

## FOOTBALL FUNNIES

Two blokes were walking through a cemetery when they happened upon a tombstone that read.  
"Here lies John Sweeney, a good man and a Sydney FC fan".

So, one of them asked the other: "When the hell did they start putting two people in one grave?"

Q: What do Perth Glory keepers and singer Michael Jackson both have in common?  
A: Both wear gloves for no apparent reason.

Q: What does the New Zealand coach say when the Knights score?  
A: Fantastic. Now let us try to get a goal at other end of pitch.

## QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Preston North End (1954)  
2. Liverpool (1950)  
3. Chelsea (1951)  
4. Tottenham Hotspur (1952)  
5. Liverpool (1953)  
6. Luton (1954)  
7. Derby County (1955)  
8. Manchester United (1956)  
9. Manchester United (1957)  
10. Chelsea (1958)

## A QUESTION OF SPORT

- 1/ Who was the first Australian to appear in an FA Cup final?
- 2/ Which Australian player was the first to be awarded an FA Cup winners medal?
- 3/ How many FA Cups has West Ham United won?
- 4/ Who scored the winning goal for West Ham when it won the cup in 1980?
- 5/ The first ever FA Cup took place in 1873, 1903 or 1913?
- 6/ True or False? The first Cup final to be staged at Wembley was between West Ham & Bolton and it is now known as "The White Horse Final".
- 7/ Has an Australian ever scored in an FA Cup Final?
- 8/ Where will this year's final be played?
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## SOCCER SCENE

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Thanks to Melbourne's newest soccer depot, Soccer Scene, Goal Weekly will be giving away a Patrick soccer ball each week to the first correct entry of the Soccer Scene "Question of the Week."

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# WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE

Round 9



With Round 9 of the Vodafone WPL having pitted all the top six teams against opposition from the bottom half of the table, it was those in the upper reaches of the ladder that emerged the happier from the weekend's festivities, with all six successful in their matches, and none of them conceding in the process.

After notching its first point of the season last weekend, Brimbank proved no match for league leader Box Hill Inter at the Italo-Australian Social Club on Saturday afternoon, going down by six goals to nil. Inter asserted its superiority early on, racing to a four-goal lead by the half time interval, and adding two more after the break to seal the victory. Inter maintains its perfect record, with eight wins from eight games, during which it has conceded just three times, while scoring on 31 occasions. Brimbank remains bottom of the ladder.

Ashburton ensured the long journey back from Strathfieldsaye Sports Complex was a happy one, following its victory over Bendigo Vipers on Saturday. It was a victory that came by the narrowest of margins, with one first-half goal all there was to separate the two teams at the end of ninety minutes. Ashburton is on something of a roll, having won its last three matches, and all without conceding a single goal in the process. Bendigo is having a less successful time of it, having now lost two on the trot, and while it remains seventh on the ladder, there is now a three-point gap between it and sixth-placed Sandringham.

South Melbourne's brief resurgence came to an abrupt halt at Spring Street Oval on Saturday when it ran into a confident Sandringham side, which duly chalked up its fourth win of the season. One goal late in each half secured victory for Sandringham, and boosted its points tally to fifteen for the season. It remains sixth on the ladder, one point behind both Keilor and Cranbourne. The defeat, South's seventh in nine games, leaves it tenth, still three points behind Eltham, which is ninth.

Preston Lions suffered its seventh consecutive defeat, and remains second-bottom on the ladder following its encounter with Cranbourne Comets at BT Connor Reserve. Cranbourne has bounced back from its defeat at Inter to post back to back victories, and this one came courtesy of two unanswered goals. Cranbourne maintains fifth position on the WPL ladder, level on points with Keilor, but with a marginally inferior goal



difference. Having returned to the WPL for the second time, following a season in State League One, Preston has found the going tough, with its one victory coming in the second round of the season.

After being held to a stalemate against Sandringham last weekend, Keilor Park returned to winning ways and recorded its fifth victory of the season, against Eastern Lions at Gardiners Creek Reserve on Sunday. Eastern Lions did manage to hold the normally free-scoring Keilor to two goals, but as it was unable to produce any of its own, it suffered its sixth defeat of the year, and third in as many games. The victory keeps Keilor fourth on the ladder, while Eastern Lions remains eighth.

Heidelberg United made it five wins from its last five games, and chalked up the round's highest score in the process, as it thumped Eltham North by eight goals to nil at Partington Flats.

The win continues Heidelberg's unbeaten start

to the season, and it remains second on the ladder. The eight-goal defeat was Eltham's heaviest of the season, but it remains ninth on the ladder. Eltham has struggled since its impressive draw with Sandringham in Round 5, losing all four games since that point and only finding the net on one occasion.

There is only one game in the WPL next weekend, as the league takes a scheduled break from competition. The match that will take place is the rescheduled Round 3 clash between Cranbourne Comets and Ashburton, which takes place at Comets Stadium on Sunday afternoon. With both sides having high expectations, and just three points separating the two, it promises to be an enthralling encounter. Cranbourne won both encounters between the teams last season, triumphing 3-2 and 5-1.

By Niki Cook

## ROUND 9 RESULTS

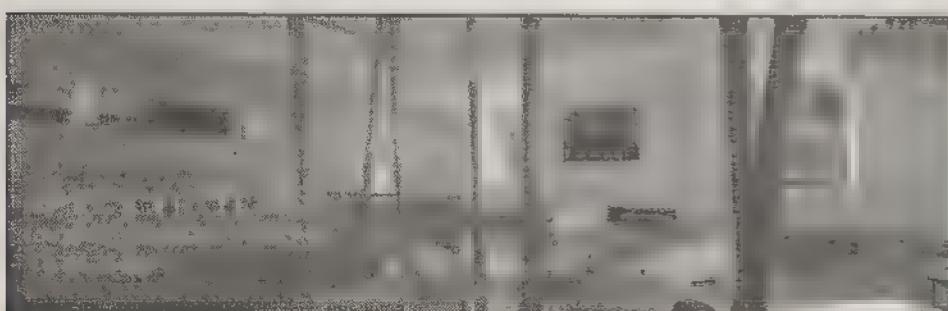
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## Reserves

Brimbank 0 Box Hill Inter 4, Bendigo Vipers 0 Ashburton 1, Sandringham 3 South Melbourne 1, Preston Lions 0 Cranbourne Comets 2, Eastern Lions 1 Keilor Park 2, Eltham North Heidelberg United

## WPL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Box Hill Inter	8	8	0	0	31	3	24
Heidelberg United	8	7	1	0	42	8	22
Ashburton	8	6	1	1	34	4	19
Keilor Park WSC	8	5	1	2	27	16	16
Cranbourne Comets	8	5	1	2	18	9	16
Sandringham	9	4	3	2	22	7	15
Bendigo Vipers WSC	8	4	0	4	16	18	12
Eastern Lions	9	3	0	6	9	17	9
Eltham North	9	2	1	6	5	24	7
South Melbourne	9	1	1	7	11	34	4
Preston Lions	9	1	0	8	5	32	3
Brimbank WSC	9	0	1	8	1	49	1



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THE TASTE OF THAI  
WITH THE SPICE OF  
PORT MELBOURNE



# Katsa's Korner

With George Katsamboukas



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## Lights, Cameras, Sprinklers

The Floodlights at all grounds this week worked a treat; Cameras were also in full force at all of the games, however we had a surprise malfunction of the sprinklers at North Coburg's ground causing their game against North Geelong to be postponed due to excessive flooding.

No such problem can occur at the new FFV Complex at Darebin, artificial surface is the order of the day there.

I visited this facility for the first time this week and to my surprise all three of the playing grounds there are laid with synthetic grass. Easy to maintain, no line marking required on a regular basis, every Club Administrators dream. However, a concern that I have with these surfaces is that I cannot understand why the Elite Junior players who are part of the VIS Program,

train on such surfaces, as they are completely different to play on than the traditional grass surfaces, which are present in 99.9% of grounds in Melbourne.

I have always been of the view that you train as you would play, train on grass to play on grass. Speaking of the VIS players, they looked very impressive in the game that I saw, and there are certainly some talented players there who will not only play at the highest level locally, but will also play for overseas clubs.

But the million dollar question is which Vodafone Cup Clubs will be smart enough to pick up some of these young and up and coming players?

The scouting system here in Victoria is almost non-existent, Vodafone Cup clubs can correct me if I'm wrong, but how many of them have people assigned to watching the Junior State Teams and the VIS to identify and sign talented players?

Taken one step further, how many VPL Clubs send scouts to the lower divisions to identify talented players who may be able to play VPL?

Never fear, Katsa is here, I was very impressed with Terry Boi from Southern Stars last week in their game against Stonnington.

By the way, no hidden agendas here, I do not know Terry personally; and from what I saw, he can possibly play even higher than VPL.

Six weeks since a VPL Coaching change, the number 6 is proudly displayed above. Will we hit double figures? Somehow I don't think so. There is an Internet Soccer Forum that has been operating for the last couple of years

Many of the soccer diehards certainly visit it regularly to read up on all the gossip from around the traps.

However there are some players who in the middle of negotiations with their clubs, jump on and post under an alias that there are 3 clubs currently interested in securing this player's services. The Administrators from current club read this, and offer the player in question the money that

after all only Premier League Club in England!). Having worked with Patrick in my days at South Melbourne Youth, I found him to be one of the most modest players that I have ever met. He was only interested in improving himself as a player and did not spend his time big noting himself, as other up and coming youngsters do.

Hopefully for him he will be selected to represent the Socceroos in the World Cup in Germany next month.

Speaking of young players, keep your eyes on the following three 18 year olds currently playing in the VPL.

Daniel Visivic, Jamie Cumming and Peter Kotopoulos are all very talented and are getting much needed match time in the Vodafone Cup. In years to come they will also hopefully take the next step and secure overseas contracts.

On a lighter note, every club has its characters; it's these characters that make clubs what they are.

The lads from Northcote City are no exception, having completed a hat-trick with them in that I attended 3 games with them this weekend. These guys are not only passionate about their club, but have a great sense of humour to boot.

Not good for my stomach muscles, some of their antics left me in stitches!

There is a benefit though, all of this strain on my stomach muscles from laughter means that I do not have to do my 200 sit-ups that day.

This is Katsa - But not as you've known him & when the Fat Lady sings, hopefully you will be happy with the result.

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Former South Melburner Patrick Kisnorbo playing for Leicester

they are after, in the fear that they may lose the player.

Smart thinking 99!

Patrick Kisnorbo, ex Richmond, South Melbourne, Hearts and now playing for Leicester City, has certainly come on leaps and bounds over the last three years since moving to Britain.

There is talk about a possible move to a Premier League club, (let's not get too excited here, it is

## GOAL! WEEKLY MAILBAG

Dear Goal! Weekly,

In a recent edition of Goal Weekly, you published a letter from myself Christopher Tolan in relation to a match I officiated in Rnd 7 of the Vodafone Premier League, Kingston v Green Gully. The letter was in response to an earlier letter from Sylvan of Melbourne's critique of my handling of this fixture. On reading my letter again I realize that it could be interpreted that in a fit of pique I had a stab in the dark and interpreted that the letter had come from a person associated with Green Gully Soccer Club and the club was somehow behind the comments made. I fully and unreservedly accept that this club would not be party to such practices. The letter implied a lack of discipline on the part of players in on field situations. I would like to apologise for any such implications and state that I hold the Green Gully Soccer Club in the highest esteem.

I also realize that comments made about Green Gully player Dean Fak could be regarded as offensive. As stated in my original letter the alleged incidents were unseen by myself or any other official and it is unfair for me to insinuate that any incident took place. For suggesting that the author of the original letter was Andrew Marth I unreservedly

apologise. It was unwise to cause offence or besmirch the reputations of two fine exponents of their craft and attempt to detract from their public standing.

To officials of Green Gully Soccer Club and to Tony Pignata, Chris Bambridge and Ian Postlethwaite @ Football Federation Victoria, I apologise for the time unfortunately wasted attending to this matter. And finally to my peers, I humbly apologise for naively entering the public domain to respond to anonymous public comment.

Experience having wisened one, I shall go away serve my penance and strive to return to former standing.

Humble regards  
Christopher Tolan.

Dear Goal! Weekly,  
Great work with the paper glad to see it on Mondays.

I recently returned from South America and I managed to catch some Argentinian first division matches while I was visiting some family in Buenos Aires. As I watched Boca play Newell's Old Boys I didn't think of much except the awesome show going in the stands and on the field. However thinking back I realized that many clubs in Argentina actu-

ally have European names that link them to their ethnic heritage

What I am getting will most likely hit a nerve on all the reformists out there that have made the ethnic topic taboo and have attempted to modernize the game in order to make it more mainstream. Using names such as Cannons, Cavaliers etc etc doesn't do anything for me except highlight the Americanisation of this country and the fact that most people think that progress means shunning your roots.

Well to those that say that this is only way forward I disagree and I have examples of clubs such as River Plate in Argentina, Panathenaikos in Greece, Verona in Italy and the list goes on. All these clubs were formed by ethnics and are all massive in their respective countries.

Maybe the issue should be to accept the heritage of clubs and for clubs to accept the influx of "Australians" and not ethnics.

Maybe Australia is different but if it is then don't copy someone like America as they aren't a great example of football progress.

Regards,  
Pablo Cruz

## MP3 PLAYER GIVEAWAY!

Thanks to our friends at the Harvey Norman store in Cranbourne Goal! Weekly will give away an Apacer MP3 player to the letter of the week. Get your opinion out there and send us your letter to mailbag@goalweekly.com

Congratulations! This week's winner is Pablo. To collect your MP3 Player present an edition of Goal! Weekly together with some form of ID at the Cranbourne Harvey Norman store.

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# A-LEAGUE: TAKE TWO

- Can Victory fill the Dome -

**Football Federation Australia (FFA) has released the 2006/07 A-League fixtures and to all those hungry for the second season of the revamped national league we guarantee you won't be disappointed. A replay of the Grand Final between Sydney FC and Central Coast gets things started while in Melbourne the Victory take on Adelaide.**

Victory's long lasting thorn, Adelaide United, visit Olympic Park on Friday 25 August and will then play host to the first Hyundai A-League football to be played at The Telstra Dome in Melbourne when they play Sydney FC in front of a crowd that is expected to exceed the 18,206 spectators that witnessed last season's historic 5-0 win by the Victorians.

The Hyundai A-League 2007 Grand Final will be played on Sunday 18 February 2007.

"After the exhilaration of last season there is huge anticipation building already for season two," said FFA CEO Mr John O'Neill.

"Running off the back of the Qantas Socceroos first appearance at the World Cup in 32 years the Hyundai A-League will once again give Australia sports fans the opportunity to see quality live football."

"I'd like to once again acknowledge our valued partners who took a leap of faith with us in the first season and have carried on into the future."

The Champions and Premiers from the Hyundai A-League 2006-07 season will have the opportunity to be the first Australian Clubs to participate in the 2007 AFC Asian Champions League which has scheduled match day one (1) for Wednesday 7 March 2007. If the Champions and Premiers are one in the same, then the Grand Final Runner-Up will participate in the Asian Champions League. Following last week's historic announcement regarding broadcast rights, Fox Sport has also guaranteed a minimum of 3 of the 4 matches per round as well as all the Hyundai A-League 2007 Finals matches will be shown "Live and Exclusive" on Fox Sports. Fox Sports will also broadcast the Asian Champions League matches that the Hyundai A-League representatives will play in the competition.

Other first round matches include Perth Glory travelling to Brisbane to take on Queensland Roar, whilst on Sunday 27 August the Newcastle Jets fly over the Tasman to face the

New Zealand Knights.

There will be a one-week break over the Christmas period (22-24 December) with the final round of the season (Round 21) scheduled for the weekend of 19-21 January 2007.

The Hyundai A-League 2007 Finals Series will be contested by the top four teams at the end of Round 21. The first leg of the Hyundai A-League 2007 Semi-Finals will be played on the Australia Day weekend (26-28 January 2007) with the Hyundai A-League 2007 Grand Final scheduled for Sunday 18 February 2007.

Following an internal review of the inaugural Hyundai A-League season and discussion with the clubs, the following modifications have been made to the Hyundai A-League Competition Rules and Regulations for the upcoming season:

#### Salary Cap Increase

- o The Salary Cap will increase from \$A1.5 million to \$A1.6 million and the floor to 85% of the Salary Cap (\$A1.36 million)
- Additional Services Agreement
- o The cap will be 25% of the salary cap (\$A400,000). This will give clubs greater latitude and ensure players have access to personal endorsements from club sponsors.

#### Youth Players

- o To give clubs greater flexibility with recruitment, the number Under-20 players has been reduced from a minimum of three (3) to two (2) per 20-player club roster

#### Away Strip Changes

- o Following consultation with the clubs and Reebok, 5 of the 8 clubs (Except Sydney, New Zealand and Perth) have modified their "Away Strip" for the Hyundai A-League 2006-07 season.

#### Guest Player

- o Maximum of 2 Guest Players to be registered throughout the season
- o Maximum of 1 guest player to participate in a fixture.
- o Guest player payments are now outside the Salary Cap.

#### Marquee Players

- o A Club may apply to FFA for approval of a Player as a Marquee Player
- o When looking to approve a Marquee Player, FFA will consider:



Victory fans will get the chance to be heard at the Telstra Dome this year

is on national Team Duty.

#### Player and coach Dissent

- o FFA is ordering a crackdown on serious dissent by players and coaches. Referees will be instructed to issue cautions to players or coaches who remonstrate with a match official once a decision has been made and will send-off any player or coach who is guilty of using offensive, insulting or abusive language or gestures. Football Australia has a responsibility to lead by example and such unsporting behaviour will not be tolerated. We have set a high standard and we will continue to strive achieve that result."

#### Player Movement

- o There will also be greater flexibility for player movement between Hyundai A-league clubs and the State League clubs for players that aren't receiving much match time or who are coming back from long-term injury."

**South Melbourne 1991 NSL Grand Final Tribute Night**

preparing for a  
soccer match with Richmond Eagles on  
at Kevin Bartlett Reserve and  
to kick off at 7pm. Food and  
drinks will be available from the social club



## South Melbourne 1991 NSL Grand Final Tribute Night

&  
**FA Cup**



The Hellas Supporters' Fundraising Committee would like to invite fellow supporters and all football fans to a video night looking back 15 years ago to 1991, reliving the club's NSL Grand Final clash against Melbourne Croatia/Knights.

Special guests on the evening will include South greats Paul Trimboli, Ange Postecoglou and Peter Tsakiris, among others who were part of that Championship team in 1991. More players are still to be confirmed. Throughout various stages of the replay, there will be opportunities to ask these former club greats a few questions in a "question and answer" time.

Following the conclusion of the 1991 Tribute, the 2006 FA Cup Final between Liverpool and West Ham will be shown live on the big screen.

The social club function and bar will be open (alcohol served until 3am) so everyone can enjoy a drink and a bite to eat whilst reliving one of South's greatest moments in its proud and illustrious history.

**What:** Full replay of 1991 NSL Grand Final (Hellas vs Croatia)  
Live Coverage of the FA CUP Final (Liverpool vs West Ham)

**Where:** Champions Bar - Bob Jane Stadium Albert Park, Mel 2K F6

**Cost:** \$10 (both events)

**When:** Saturday May 13th

**Time:** 7pm til late

# MUNRO'S NIGHT OF FA CUP HISTORY

As the 128th FA Cup Final approaches on Saturday night between Liverpool and West Ham United, Goal! Weekly's resident Bristol City fanatic Paul Jefferies takes a look back when the romance of the Cup truly touched his beloved "Robins".

In the 1993/94 season Manchester United won the League, a certain Irish fellow by the name of Roy Keane had just transferred from Notts Forest to the newly crowned champs. Andy Cole won the Top Goalscorer Award by scoring 34 goals for Newcastle United and none other than Oakleigh Cannons' coach, Stuart Munro, featured in a classic 3rd Round FA Cup fixture that was made in "heaven".

Playing for Bristol City against a star studded Liverpool team, Munro helped The Robins to a 1-0 Cup upset win and knocked their more fancied opponents out of the world's oldest competition at the first hurdle.

Once again Liverpool finds itself as a hot favourite, this time to capture its seventh FA Cup, but twelve years ago at Anfield in a most famous night which Cup legend is made of, Bristol City, then of the English Second Division knocked off the mighty Reds to record one of the biggest upsets in recent FA Cup history.

In that memorable night Bristol City fought off an Ian Rush inspired Liverpool - a legend of The Kop and arguably one of Europe's most lethal strikers of his time, who Munro was in charge of marking.

The first game had plenty of drama at the Robins' home ground Ashton Gate, as all the floodlights went out midway through the second half.

"It was a long time ago wasn't it? The first game was called off due to lighting failure and then we got a draw before we had to go to Anfield on a Tuesday or a Wednesday night for the replay. Ironically Oakleigh's victory against South Melbourne last Monday also experienced floodlight failure but unlike that game, the FA Cup match was called off."

The match was called off when the scores were 1-1 so there was still all to play for when the

match was replayed at Anfield. "We ended up winning 1-0 and it was quite an

Speaking after match Munro told the local newspaper at the time, The Bristol Evening Post,

plauded us after beating their team. We couldn't believe it when the Liverpool fans stood up, applauded and cheered us... which was an unbelievable thing to do when their team had just been knocked out of the FA Cup.

"We played well that night and actually had quite a number of chances in that game. Obviously we were up against it that night and although we had our backs to the wall for most of the time we still had 3 or 4 chances and if things had gone our way we might have won that game a little bit more convincingly."

Now a leading coach who actually made the shortlist for the Melbourne Victory job, the former Glasgow Rangers, Blackburn Rovers and Bristol City player has taken his current side Oakleigh Cannons to the top of the Vodafone Cup this season.

Munro also led former National League side South Melbourne in its final year of the NSL and was in charge of Carlton FC before it ceased operation.

Adding to his legend the Cannons still remain unbeaten as the competition heads for the half way stage - a feat not seen in Victoria's top flight for years.

Born in Falkirk, Scotland in 1962, this much travelled former full back won plenty of honours during his playing career including three Scottish Premier League titles with Rangers under fellow Scot, Graeme Souness.

Ironically, in another twist of FA Cup tales, Graeme Souness was actually the manager of Liverpool that night when it met Munro's Bristol City on its giant killing exploits.

Under enormous pressure Souness immediately resigned after that defeat and shortly afterwards found himself a job in Turkey with Galatasaray. The Robins went on to defeat Stockport County 4-0 in the next round, before succumbing to Charlton Athletic in Round 5.

By Paul Jefferies



Gladiator Stuart Munro shows his battle scars while playing back in the UK

experience playing in that tie at the time. I was a pretty experienced player by then and I remember having to play in the centre of defence against Ian Rush and a young Robbie Fowler." It was supposed to be a walkover but the team from the West Country had different ideas. The home army of Reds fans were silenced when Brian Tinnion hit a superb shot from the edge of the penalty box and sent the eight thousand travelling cider heads into raptures.

"Liverpool are always at their most dangerous when you allow them to pass the ball around. But we tackled well and broke up their game." "It was difficult to make yourself heard above all the noise, all you could do was organise those players closest to you," added Munro. Asked what he recalled about that night from all those years ago, Munro said, "One of the main things I remember more than anything about that night was that after the game "The Kop" ap-

## GIANT-KILLERS

The FA Cup has a long tradition of lower-division and non-league teams becoming "giant-killers" by defeating highly-ranked opponents. There are various famous giant killing feats, and every club will remember their own successes. However, the most famous results are arguably those of:

Yeovil Town in 1949-49, who reached the fifth round while in the Southern League. In latter years they defeated League opposition many other times, before winning promotion to the Football League in 2003.

Bournemouth and Boscombe Athletic who beat Wolves and Tottenham Hotspur in 1957, before losing to Manchester United in a closely fought quarter-final match. In 1984, however, Bournemouth got belated revenge of a kind by beating United (the then current holders) 2-0 at home in the 3rd round.

Hereford United in 1972, who as a non-league club, famously defeated Newcastle United in a third-round replay. Wrexham in 1992, when they defeated the league champions Arsenal in the Third Round, Wrexham having finished bottom of the Football League the previous season.

Kidderminster Harriers, who are the last non-league team to reach the 5th Round of the FA Cup, in 1994. They defeated Birmingham City and Preston North End before eventually failing to Premiership side West Ham United by the narrow margin of 1-0 in front of nearly 8,000 at Aggborough. Wycombe Wanderers in 2001, when they famously reached the semi-finals whilst in the Second Division (today's League One), beating such sides as then Premiership club Leicester City, before crashing out in the semi-finals after a 2-1 loss to eventual champions Liverpool.

Bristol City in 1994 Playing Liverpool at Ashton Gate in Round 3, the score was 1-1 until a power cut forced the match to be abandoned. The second attempt saw a 1-1 finish, and at Anfield Bristol City won the third match 1-0 with a Brian Tinnion goal. In 1973, Sunderland A.F.C. who at the time were a struggling Second Division side managed to win the competition beating the holders Leeds United (one of the best teams in Europe at the time) 1-0 in the final.

## MOST FA CUP VICTORIES

11 Manchester United  
10 Arsenal  
8 Tottenham Hotspur  
7 Aston Villa  
6 Newcastle United  
6 Liverpool  
6 Blackburn Rovers  
5 Everton  
5 West Bromwich Albion  
5 Wanderers F.C.

4 wins: Bolton Wanderers, Manchester City, Sheffield United, Wolverhampton Wanderers

3 wins: Chelsea; Sheffield Wednesday, West Ham United

2 wins: Bury, Nottingham Forest, Old Etonians, Preston North End, Sunderland

1 win: Barnsley, Blackburn Olympic, Blackpool, Bradford City, Burnley, Cardiff City, Charlton Athletic, Clapham Rovers, Coventry City, Derby County, Huddersfield Town, Ipswich Town, Leeds United, Notts County, Old Carthusians, Oxford University, Portsmouth, Royal Engineers, Southampton, Wimbledon

## DID YOU KNOW?

Traditionally, the FA Cup Final is played at London's Wembley Stadium. However, due to extensive redevelopment of Wembley, finals have been played at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff since 2001. Although early venues include Kennington Oval, the Crystal Palace Park and Stamford Bridge, this was the first time the final had been played outside of England (it should be noted that not only English League teams participate in the competition, so Welsh teams in English leagues such as Cardiff City F.C. do participate in the cup, and Cardiff City F.C. did win the Cup in 1927). The FA had hoped that the 2006 final would take place at the rebuilt Wembley Stadium, but the FA Cup final on May 13, 2006 will be played at the Millennium Stadium, because the builders have failed to guarantee that it will be completed on time.

## THE TROPHY

The present FA Cup trophy is the fourth. The first, the "little tin idol", was used from the inception of the Cup in 1871-2 until it was stolen from a Birmingham shop window belonging to William Shillcock while held by Aston Villa on September 11, 1895. It was never seen again and is presumed to have been melted down. The second trophy was a replica of the first, and was last used in 1910 before being presented to the FA's long-serving president Lord Kinnaird. It was sold at Christie's on May 19 2005 for £420,000 (£478,400 including auction fees and taxes) to David Gold, the chairman of Birmingham City. A new, larger, trophy was bought by the FA in 1911 designed and manufactured by Fattorini's of Bradford and won by Bradford City in its first outing, the only time a team from Bradford has reached the final.



This trophy still exists but is now too fragile to be used, so an exact replica was made and has been in use since the 1992 final. Therefore, though the FA Cup is the oldest domestic football competition in the world, its trophy is not the oldest, that title is claimed by the Scottish Cup.

## LAST TEN FINALS

2005 ARSENAL 2-0 Manchester Uni
FT: 0-0, Arsenal won 5-4 on penalties
2004 MANCHESTER UNITED 3-0 Millwall
2003 3-0 NAL 0-0 Southampton
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2001 LIVERPOOL 2-1 Arsenal
2000 CHELSEA 1-0 Aston Villa
1999 3-0 ARSENAL 2-0 New
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## PIGNATA TO BRING BACK DOCKERTY CUP

The FFV has plans to once again revive the historic Dockerty Cup. As the rest of the world prepares to decide their respective domestic Cup competitions around the globe this week, the most famous being the English FA Cup on Saturday night, FFV CEO Tony Pignata announced his intentions yesterday to reinstate Victoria's very own knock-out tournament.

"We are going to bring the Dockerty back next year. I'm looking to propose that it involves all clubs in Victoria and who ever else wants to be involved in the competition. We're looking to include clubs from all across the state, even as far as Mildura, and then introduce the Vodafone Cup and State One clubs around round four or five. Hopefully I can attract a reasonable sponsor who is willing to put some prize money to it as well".

Asked if the competition would be open to the Melbourne Victory to contest, Pignata replied, "I don't really know at this stage. We haven't really thought about that or if the FFA would really allow it. We'd probably open it up to the VIS boys to try and expand the opportunity."

The Dockerty Cup was first contested in Victoria in 1909 and was won by the now defunct Carlton United.

The trophy was named after Mr. Harry Dockerty, who was the first President of the Victorian Soccer Association in the same year.







# JUNIOR LEAGUES



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MILO Rooball West 9 Red: Round 1 Kelor Park Green  
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Gisborne

MILO Rooball West 8 Blue: Round 1 Avondale Heights  
Green Gully Light Utd 1 Williamstown 1 Melbourne  
Knights Bye Leverton Park 5 Yarraville 0, Kelor Park  
Bye

MILO Rooball West 8 Green: Round 1 Altona City Bye  
Leverton Park 3 Sunshine Heights 0 St Albans  
Sunshine Georgies 1 Green Gully 1, Brimbank Altona  
East

MILO Rooball West 8 Red: Round 1 Kelor Park Green  
Gully Melbourne Knights Sunbury Utd Brimbank Bye,  
Bye Satellita City Jtd Avondale Heights Gisborne

MILO Rooball Girls S/E 10 Green Round 1 Sandringham  
City Bye1 Richmond 0 North Caulfield 0 Melbourne Utd  
Beaumaris Dandenong Thunder Bye?

MILO Rooball Girls S/E 10 Pink Round 1 Box Hill Inter  
Brighton 2 Ashburton 2 Ashburton 1, Brighton 3 Ber-  
wick City, Bye1 Monash City Ashburton 3 Brighton 1

MILO Rooball Girls S/E 10 Purple Round 1 Brighton  
Bye Sandringham City 2 Sunbury United Boronia  
Juniors 5 North Caulfield 1 Richmond Bye 1 Glen Eliza  
Sandringham City 1

**MILO Boys S/E 11 Super League**  
P W D L F APT  
Knox City JSC 3 3 0 0 14 9  
Bulleen JSC 3 1 3 12 5 7  
South Melbourne JFC 2 2 0 0 10 3 6  
Southern Stars JFC 2 1 1 0 6 4 4  
Glen Waverley JSC 2 1 1 0 5 4 4  
South Eastern Phantoms 3 1 1 0 2 6 9 1  
Bentleigh Greens JSC 3 1 1 2 2 10 3  
Whitehorse Eagles JSC 3 1 1 1 4 0 1  
Oakleigh JSC 3 1 0 0 3 4 15 0  
Doncaster Rovers JSC 3 0 1 1 4 16 0

**MILO Boys S/E 11 Super League**  
P W D L F APT  
Box Hill Inter JSC 3 3 0 0 14 2 9  
Bulleen JSC 2 2 0 0 5 1 9  
Gippalnd Soccer League 2 2 0 0 4 2 0  
South Melbourne FC 3 2 0 1 6 4 6  
Notre Park JSC 3 1 1 1 7 8 4  
Kingston City JSC 3 1 0 2 8 7 3  
Whitehorse 3 0 0 2 1 3 3  
Doncaster Rovers JSC 3 0 1 2 4 15 1  
Beaumaris SC 3 0 0 1 2 9

**MILO Boys S/E 14 Super League**  
P W D L F APT  
South Melbourne JFC 3 3 0 0 15 1 9  
Manningham JSC 3 2 1 0 7 1 7  
Box Hill Inter JSC 3 2 0 0 10 5 6  
Knox City JSC 2 2 0 0 3 1 6  
Doncaster Rovers JSC 3 1 1 1 5 6 4  
Bulleen JSC 3 1 1 1 2 4 4  
Endeavour Utd 2 0 0 2 4 4 3  
Whitehorse 3 0 0 2 1 1 2 1  
Beaumaris SC 3 0 0 2 7 0  
Chelsea JSC 3 0 0 3 3 1 0 0

**MILO Boys S/E 11 Super League**  
P W D L F APT  
Box Hill Inter JSC 3 2 1 0 11 7  
Bulleen JSC 3 2 1 0 10 2 7  
Nunawading City JSC 3 2 0 0 6 3 6  
Mornington SC 3 2 0 1 7 6 6  
Gippalnd Soccer League 3 2 0 1 4 5 6  
Monash City JSC 3 1 1 1 11 2 4  
Dandenong City JSC 3 1 1 1 4 4  
Knox City JSC 3 1 0 2 7 6 3  
Beaumaris SC 3 0 0 3 2 1 0  
Baxter Soccer Club 3 0 0 3 0 2 2 0

**MILO Boys N/W 16 Super League**  
P W D L F APT  
Melbourne Knights 3 2 1 2 0 4 7  
Green Gully 3 2 1 1 0 17 5 7  
Whitesea Stallions 2 1 1 0 9 4 7  
Hoppers Crossing 3 2 0 1 8 4 8  
Sydenham Park 3 1 2 0 14 7 6  
Essendon Royals 2 1 1 0 4 3 4  
Brimbank 3 1 0 2 5 1 4 3  
Preston Lions 3 0 0 3 3 1 0 0  
North City Lions 3 0 0 3 3 2 6 0

**MILO Boys N/W 15 Super League**  
P W D L F APT  
Brimbank JSC 3 2 1 0 17 5 7  
Epping City SC 3 2 1 0 14 4 7  
Melbourne Knights JSC 3 1 2 0 10 5 5  
Green Gully JSC 3 1 2 0 5 0 5  
Fawkner JSC 3 1 1 1 7 5 4  
Kelor Park JSC 3 1 1 1 4 3 4  
Altona East JSC 3 1 1 1 2 3 4  
Essendon Royals JSC 3 1 0 2 5 8 3  
North Coburg Jtd 3 0 1 2 2 15 1  
Moreland United JSC 3 0 0 3 4 2 2 0

**MILO Boys N/W 14 Super League**  
P W D L F APT  
Albury-Wodonga 2 2 0 0 8 3 0  
Green Gully JSC 3 2 0 1 5 3 6  
Fawkner JSC 3 2 0 1 8 7 6  
Brimbank JSC 3 2 0 1 6 6 6  
Bendigo Amateur Soccer 3 1 1 1 5 4 4  
Kelor Park JSC 3 1 1 1 3 3 4  
Melbourne Knights JSC 3 1 1 1 7 7 4  
North Coburg JSC 3 1 0 2 5 5 3  
Preston Lions JSC 3 0 1 2 2 6 1  
Williamstown JSC 2 0 0 2 1 5 0

MILO Boys NW 13 Super League

P W D L F APT  
Kellar Park JSC 3 3 0 0 8 3 9  
Melbourne Knights JSC 3 2 0 0 5 1 9  
Essendon Royals JSC 3 2 1 0 5 2 7  
Green Gully JSC 3 2 0 1 11 5 6  
Fawkner JSC 3 1 1 1 5 3 4  
Epping City SC 3 1 0 2 3 4 3  
Hoppers Crossing JSC 3 0 1 2 3 7 1  
Bundabur JSC 3 0 1 2 3 9 1  
Preston Lions JSC 3 0 0 3 2 8 0

MILO Boys Metro 18 Blue

P W D L F APT  
Bulleen JSC 2 1 1 0 8 4 7  
Brunswick City JSC 2 1 1 0 5 3 7  
Green Gully JSC 2 1 1 0 7 6 7  
Oakleigh JSC 3 2 0 1 9 1 6  
Laure United JSC 3 1 2 0 4 2 5  
Port Melbourne JSC 3 1 1 1 9 5 4  
Altona Magic SC 3 1 1 1 11 12 4  
Dorcas Rovers JSC 3 0 1 2 6 9 1  
Herdiburg Jtd 3 0 0 3 5 12 0

MILO Boys Metro 18 Orange

P W D L F APT  
Langwarrin SC 2 2 0 0 2 1 2 6  
Brighton JSC 2 2 0 0 7 3 6  
Boroondara JSC 1 1 0 0 5 2 3  
Shorts Park Rangers JSC 2 0 1 3 6 3  
Mornington SC 1 0 0 1 4 3  
Seaford Utd 2 0 0 2 1 1 0 1  
Springvale City JSC 1 0 1 1 5 3  
Glen Waverley JSC 2 0 0 2 1 7 0  
Rosebud JSC 1 0 0 1 17 0

MILO Boys Metro 18 Purple

P W D L F APT  
Keller Park JSC 3 3 0 0 14 3 9  
Bulleen JSC 3 3 0 0 1 5 9  
Brimbank JSC 2 2 0 0 1 5 1  
Carrion Youth FC 2 1 0 1 6 8 8  
Essendon Royals JSC 2 1 0 1 5 5 6  
St Albans 3 1 0 2 12 13 3  
Gisborne Junior Soccer Club 3 1 0 2 13 3  
Mornington SC 3 1 0 2 12 13 3  
Seaford Utd 2 0 0 2 1 12 1  
Sandringham City 3 0 0 3 113 0

MILO Boys Metro 18 Yellow

P W D L F APT  
Brighton JSC 1 1 0 0 5 3 0  
Eastern Lions 3 2 0 1 6 3 6  
Brandon Park JSC 3 2 0 1 4 4 6  
Westgate SC 3 2 0 1 0 5 6 8  
Berwick City JSC 2 1 1 1 4 4 6  
Mornington SC 2 1 0 1 6 5 3  
Berwick Kings FC 1 0 1 1 1 1  
Glen Eliza JSC 2 0 0 2 2 6 3

MILO Boys South 16 A

P W D L F APT  
Doveton JSC 3 2 1 0 16 3 7  
Dandenong City JSC 3 2 1 0 1 7 7  
Berwick Greens JSC 3 2 1 0 8 5 7  
Springvale City JSC 3 1 2 0 4 3 5  
Brighton JSC 3 1 1 1 2 1 6 4  
Langwarrin SC 3 1 1 1 1 5 3 4  
Sandringham City JSC 3 0 2 1 3 4 2  
Mornington SC 3 1 0 2 1 6 5 3  
Seaford Utd 2 0 0 1 5 3 3  
Berwick City JSC 2 0 0 2 1 8 0  
Baxter Soccer Club 3 0 0 3 3 3 0

MILO Boys South 16 B

P W D L F APT  
Rowville Engels SC 2 2 0 0 17 0 9  
Dandenong Sparrows JSC 3 2 1 0 8 6 7  
Peninsula JSC 3 2 0 1 8 4 6  
Doveton JSC 2 1 0 1 7 3 6  
Chelsea JSC 2 2 0 0 5 3 6  
Cerrum Old 2 0 0 2 2 6 1  
Beaumaris SC 3 0 2 1 3 10 2  
Sandringham City B 3 0 1 2 2 18 1  
Sandringham City A 2 0 0 2 4 8 0

MILO Boys South 16 A

P W D L F APT  
Rowville Engels SC 2 2 0 0 17 0 9  
Dandenong Sparrows JSC 3 2 1 0 8 6 7  
Peninsula JSC 3 2 0 1 8 4 6  
Doveton JSC 2 1 0 1 7 3 6  
Chelsea JSC 2 2 0 0 5 3 6  
Cerrum Old 2 0 0 2 2 6 1  
Beaumaris SC 3 0 2 1 3 10 2  
Sandringham City B 3 0 1 2 2 18 1  
Sandringham City A 2 0 0 2 4 8 0

MILO Boys South 16 B

P W D L F APT  
Rowville Engels SC 2 2 0 0 17 0 9  
Dandenong Sparrows JSC 3 2 1 0 8 6 7  
Peninsula JSC 3 2 0 1 8 4 6  
Doveton JSC 2 1 0 1 7 3 6  
Chelsea JSC 2 2 0 0 5 3 6  
Cerrum Old 2 0 0 2 2 6 1  
Beaumaris SC 3 0 2 1 3 10 2  
Sandringham City B 3 0 1 2 2 18 1  
Sandringham City A 2 0 0 2 4 8 0

MILO Boys South 16 C

P W D L F APT  
Rowville Engels SC 2 2 0 0 17 0 9  
Dandenong Sparrows JSC 3 2 1 0 8 6 7  
Peninsula JSC 3 2 0 1 8 4 6  
Doveton JSC 2 1 0 1 7 3 6  
Chelsea JSC 2 2 0 0 5 3 6  
Cerrum Old 2 0 0 2 2 6 1  
Beaumaris SC 3 0 2 1 3 10 2  
Sandringham City B 3 0 1 2 2 18 1  
Sandringham City A 2 0 0 2 4 8 0

MILO Boys South 16 D

P W D L F APT  
Hamsfield Hurricanes 3 3 0 0 2 6 2 9  
Bentleigh Greens JSC 3 3 0 0 2 0 1 9  
Endeavour Hills SC 1 1 0 0 3 0 8  
Peninsula JSC 2 1 0 1 9 8 3  
Keysborough JSC 3 1 0 2 7 15 3  
Lyndale Utd 1 0 0 1 0 8 3  
Hampton JSC 2 0 0 2 1 10 0  
Casey Panthers JSC 2 0 0 2 0 19 0

MILO Boys South 16 B

P W D L F APT  
Beaumaris SC 2 2 0 0 11 0 9  
Brighton JSC 3 3 0 0 11 2 9  
Berwick City 3 2 0 1 2 2 5 6  
Mornington SC 3 1 1 1 7 6 8  
Heatheron Utd 2 1 0 1 4 5 3  
Sandringham City 2 1 0 1 2 3 3  
Hampton 2 0 0 2 1 7 3  
Dandenong City 3 0 0 3 2 7 6  
Cranbourne Comets 2 0 0 2 0 15 0

MILO Boys South 14 A

P W D L F APT  
Mornington 3 3 0 0 3 1 3 9  
Springvale White Eagles 3 2 0 0 12 4 9  
Langwarrin SC 3 2 0 1 15 7 6  
Sundringham City 3 2 0 1 9 6 6  
Berwick City 2 1 0 1 5 5 3  
Beaumaris 3 1 0 2 6 17 3  
Lyndale Jtd 2 0 0 2 4 0 0  
Hampton Park Utd 3 0 0 3 7 0  
Baxter 3 0 0 3 2 2 0

MILO Boys South 14 B

P W D L F APT

Dandenong City JSC 2 2 0 0 8 1 9  
Langwarrin SC 2 2 0 0 9 4 7  
Franklin Pines JSC 2 2 0 0 9 1 6  
Cranbourne Comets JSC 3 2 0 1 13 7 6

Peninsula JSC 3 1 0 2 5 6 3  
Brighton JSC 1 0 0 1 1 5 3  
Mornington SC 2 0 1 1 2 5 1  
White Star Dandenong JSC 0 0 0 0 0  
Heatheron Jtd 1 0 0 1 0 3 0  
Sandringham City JSC 3 0 0 3 1 16 0

MILO Boys South 13 A

P W D L F APT

Langwarrin SC 2 1 0 1 7 5 7  
Bentleigh Greens JSC 3 2 0 1 2 4 2 7  
Berwick City JSC 3 2 0 1 17 1 6  
Brighton JSC 3 2 0 1 11 4 8  
Dandenong Thunder JSC 3 2 0 1 9 3 8  
Doveton JSC 2 1 1 0 7 4 4  
Mornington SC 3 0 0 1 2 19 1  
Endeavour Utd 3 0 0 3 0 21 0  
Hampton Park Utd 3 0 0 3 0 21 0

MILO Boys South 13 B

P W D L F APT

East Bentleigh JSC 3 2 0 1 15 2 6  
Berwick City JSC 2 2 0 0 11 1 6  
Sandringham City JSC 2 2 0 0 8 1 6  
Lyndale Utd 2 2 0 0 8 1 6  
Brighton JSC 3 2 0 1 2 1 5 8  
Mornington SC 3 0 0 1 2 19 1  
Hampton Park Utd 3 0 0 3 0 21 0

MILO Boys South 13 C

P W D L F APT

Cranbourne Comets 2 2 0 0 9 3 7  
Springvale White Eagles 2 2 0 0 6 1 6  
Beaumaris SC 2 2 0 0 6 2 6  
Hampton Park Utd 3 1 0 2 2 15 3  
Phillip Island JSC 3 1 0 2 110 1  
Seaford Utd 2 0 0 2 1 12 1  
Carrum Utd 2 0 0 2 1 13 0

MILO Boys South 13 D

P W D L F APT

Bulleen JSC 2 2 0 0 11 3 9  
Riversdale Raiders 3 2 1 0 12 6 7  
Mannington JSC 3 2 1 0 17 3 7  
Nunawading City JSC 3 2 0 1 18 7 6  
Glen Waverley JSC 3 2 0 1 10 4 6  
East Bentleigh JSC 2 1 0 1 5 4 6  
Doncaster Rovers JSC 2 0 0 2 1 11 3  
Ashburton JSC 3 0 0 3

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# JUNIOR LEAGUES



P W D L F APT	
Clayton JSC	3 3 0 0 22 5 9
Buller JSC	3 3 0 0 22 0 9
Knox Utd	2 1 0 1 12 9 6
Ringwood City JSC	2 1 0 1 21 6
North Caulfield JSC	3 1 1 1 4 5 4
Doncaster Rovers JSC	3 1 1 1 4 7 4
Richmond JSC	3 1 0 2 11 0 3
Eastern Lions	2 0 0 2 11 2 3
East Bentleigh JSC	3 0 1 3 11 2 0

## MILO Boys East 11 Joey's Blue

P W D L F APT	
Caulfield Jtd	3 3 0 0 18 1 9
Nunawading City JSC	3 2 1 1 7 1 7
East Bentleigh JSC	2 2 0 0 8 1 6
Ashburton SC	3 2 1 1 5 1 6
Buller JSC	2 1 1 0 10 0 4
Manningham JSC	3 0 2 1 1 5 2
Kingston City JSC	3 0 0 3 0 6 0
Croydon City Arrows JSC	2 0 0 2 9 0
Richmond JSC	3 0 0 3 0 10 0

## MILO Boys East 11 Joey's Red

P W D L F APT	
Shelburne Rangers	3 4 0 0 11 0 9
Richmond	2 2 0 0 6 1 9
Doncaster Rovers	3 2 0 1 7 0
Knox City	2 1 0 1 3 3 6
Brondum Park	2 1 0 1 4 1 8
Melbourne Utd	1 0 1 1 1 0
North Caulfield	2 1 0 2 10 0 3
Ashburton	1 0 0 0 0 3 2
Glen Elra	3 0 0 3 1 0 0

## MILO Boys East 11 Joey's Yellow

P W D L F APT	
Ringwood City JSC	3 3 0 0 1 1 0
Mossman City JSC	3 3 0 0 11 0 9
For Melbourne JSC	2 0 1 1 1 0
Glen Elra JSC	2 0 1 1 1 0
Mooroolbark JSC	3 3 0 0 2 5 0 2
Springvale City JSC	2 1 0 1 4 0
Riviera Raiders	0 0 1 0 0
Boronia Lions JFC	1 0 3 2 2 1
Glen Waverley JSC	1 0 1 2 1 2
Eastern Lions	2 0 0 2 0 1 0

## MILO Boys N/W 16 B

P W D L F APT	
Kelvin Wolves JSC	1 2 1 0 12 4
Whitelsea Stallions JSC	1 2 1 0 8 0
Altona East JSC	3 1 0 1 8 0
Altona City JSC	2 0 1 0 8 0
Moorabbin Greens JSC	4 1 0 1 5 0
McKinnon Park JSC	1 1 0 1 4 0
Brunswick Utd	1 0 0 1 4 0
South Gippsland Park JSC	0 0 1 0 0
Sunbury Utd	1 0 1 1 8 0

## MILO Boys N/W 14 B

P W D L F APT	
Hawthorn Royals	3 3 0 0 4 0 0
Brunswick City JSC	1 2 1 0 8 0
North Sunshine Eagles	1 2 1 0 8 0
Sunshine Georgies	1 1 0 1 5 0 1
Sydenham Park	2 1 0 1 6 0
Altona East	4 1 0 1 6 0
Altona City	2 0 1 0 5 0
Moorabbin Greens	4 1 0 1 5 0
McKinnon Park JSC	1 1 0 1 4 0
Brunswick Utd	1 0 0 1 4 0
South Gippsland Park JSC	0 0 1 0 0
Sunbury Utd	1 0 1 1 8 0

## MILO Boys N/W 14 C

P W D L F APT	
Victor Jtd	2 1 0 1 1 0
Warrington City JSC	2 2 0 0 6 0 1
North Sunshine JSC	2 2 0 0 14 1 6
Altona City JSC	2 0 1 0 1 1 0
Flemington Eagles JSC	1 1 0 0 5 0 0
Williamstown JSC	0 0 1 0 3 0 6
Essendon Royals JSC	2 1 0 2 10 0
Watsonia Heights JSC	3 0 0 3 20 0

## MILO Boys N/W 13 B

P W D L F APT	
Fawkner JSC	1 1 0 2 27 0
Fipping City SC	1 2 1 0 15 1 0
Brunswick Utd	3 2 1 0 14 0
North Yarra United SC	3 2 1 0 14 0
Brunswick City JSC	0 0 1 0 14 0
Hopkins Crossing JSC	0 0 1 0 14 0
Mill Park JSC	1 0 0 1 2 0 0
Lynton Park JSC	1 0 1 3 10 0

## MILO Boys N/W 13 C

P W D L F APT	
Whitelsea Jtd	2 1 0 1 9 0
Hawthorn Royals JSC	2 2 0 0 10 0 9
North Sunshine JSC	2 2 0 0 10 0 9
Sunshine Georgies	1 1 0 1 5 0 1
Sydenham Park	2 1 0 1 6 0
Altona East	4 1 0 1 6 0
Light Jtd	1 1 0 1 4 0
Watsonia Heights	2 0 0 1 3 0 9

## MILO Boys N/W 13 A

P W D L F APT	
Whitelsea Jtd	2 1 0 1 9 0
Hawthorn Royals JSC	2 2 0 0 10 0 9
North Sunshine JSC	2 2 0 0 10 0 9
Sunshine Georgies	1 1 0 1 5 0 1
Sydenham Park	2 1 0 1 6 0
Altona East	4 1 0 1 6 0
Light Jtd	1 1 0 1 4 0
Watsonia Heights	2 0 0 1 3 0 9

## MILO Boys N/W 13 B

P W D L F APT	
Whitelsea Jtd	2 1 0 1 9 0
Hawthorn Royals JSC	2 2 0 0 10 0 9
North Sunshine JSC	2 2 0 0 10 0 9
Sunshine Georgies	1 1 0 1 5 0 1
Sydenham Park	2 1 0 1 6 0
Altona East	4 1 0 1 6 0
Light Jtd	1 1 0 1 4 0
Watsonia Heights	2 0 0 1 3 0 9

## MILO Boys N/W 13 A

P W D L F APT	
Whitelsea Jtd	2 1 0 1 9 0
Hawthorn Royals JSC	2 2 0 0 10 0 9
North Sunshine JSC	2 2 0 0 10 0 9
Sunshine Georgies	1 1 0 1 5 0 1
Sydenham Park	2 1 0 1 6 0
Altona East	4 1 0 1 6 0
Light Jtd	1 1 0 1 4 0
Watsonia Heights	2 0 0 1 3 0 9

## MILO Boys N/W 13 B

P W D L F APT	
Whitelsea Jtd	2 1 0 1 9 0
Hawthorn Royals JSC	2 2 0 0 10 0 9
North Sunshine JSC	2 2 0 0 10 0 9
Sunshine Georgies	1 1 0 1 5 0 1
Sydenham Park	2 1 0 1 6 0
Altona East	4 1

# UK FOOTBALL WRAP

## Championship: Watford smash Palace in play-off first leg



Written by: Stephen Sharp

LONDON- It was an afternoon fans at Selhurst Park will quickly want to forget as their Crystal Palace side were hammered 3-0 by Watford in the first leg of their Championship play-off semi-final.

Watford had a good scoring chance on 11 minutes as Jobi McAnuff tested Watford goalkeeper Ben Foster, but the visiting backstop made a fine near-post save and conceded a corner, from which Watford cleared their lines.

Two minutes later, Gabor Kiraly had to be on his toes as Watford's Ashley Young let go of a low drive that the Hungarian goalkeeper was able to hang on to.

The teams went to the break scoreless, but the second half began brightly for the visitors as Marlon King controlled a clearance by Foster and fired off a brilliant shot into the corner that was out of the reach of Kiraly.

Then, a moment of brilliance by Young saw Watford extend their lead to 2-0 in the 66th minute. Young first won a free kick after being taken down by Michael Hughes and then hit a magnificent effort from 32 yards inside the far post. Just when Palace fans thought it couldn't get worse, Watford added a third with four minutes to play as Matthew Spring took Young's pull back and hit a screamer that soared into the back of the net with Kiraly helpless.

Watford now have one foot in the play-off final with the second leg still to be played at Vicarage Road on Tuesday.

## Preston earn first-leg draw at Leeds

Written by: Stephen Sharp

Leeds United will have a tough task still to do in a few days, but a free kick by Eddie Lewis earned the Whites a 1-1 draw at home on Friday against Preston North End in their Championship play-off semi-final first leg match.

The early pressure came from Leeds, but it was the visitors who got the first good scoring chance on seven minutes as David Nugent took a pass from Graham Alexander, but his shot went narrowly over the bar and into the Kop.

Leeds then were unlucky not to have taken the lead in the 21st minute as Matthew Kilgallon rose to head a corner kick by Eddie Lewis, but the ball went crashing off the post and Preston were able to clear their lines.

Preston again showed their ability to pressure the Whites' goal as both sides vied for the opening goal, and Paul McKenna fired off a shot that was blocked, but the second attempt by Nugent had to be played out for a corner kick.

Two minutes before the interval, Leeds created another golden scoring opportunity as David Healy's thrilling run down the right led to a cross into the area, and Rob Hulse's header was about to cause serious trouble, but Preston goalkeeper Carlo Nash made a desperation move and cut out the danger.

Nugent, who was a threat on a couple of occasions in the first half, gave the North End supporters - sitting in the south end of the stadium - a moment of brilliance to cheer in the 48th minute as he ran past three Leeds defenders before sliding the ball beyond Neil Sullivan for a Preston lead.

A very solid Preston defense nearly let them down in the 63rd minute as a backpass by Tyrone Mears was poorly hit, allowing Healy a chance to pounce, but Nash was alert to the error and charged down the ball before the Northern Ireland international could get there.

With just a quarter hour to play, Leeds were awarded a free kick just outside the area as Claude Davis fouled Robbie Blake, and winger Lewis stepped up and hit a beautiful shot that left Nash rooted to the ground and sent Elland Road into a frenzy.

Sean Gregan was on the verge of giving Leeds the lead with eight minutes to play when he got his head to a Blake cross, but the ball went agonizingly wide of the post. A go-ahead goal would have been large going into the second leg at Deepdale on Monday.

## Fowler to sign new one year deal

Written by: Graham Riley



LIVERPOOL- Robbie Fowler will sign a new 1 year contract for Liverpool next week, it has been announced on a Liverpool website.

Fowler moved back to Anfield in January of this year on a free transfer from Manchester City and had made his feelings known publicly that he was desperate to stay on at his beloved Anfield. The delighted 30-year-old said, "I had been treating every game as though it could be my last for Liverpool.

"Now I've got the incentive of knowing I'll get more chances to wear the red shirt. I would love to be part of a Liverpool side that wins the title."

An equally delighted manager Rafael Benitez added,

"This is fantastic news. Robbie has done really well and he deserves this."

"I said always it was an easy decision for me to make and in this case we have an agreement with Robbie and he will sign the contract early next week. We are really happy, all the staff, his team-mates, the club and the supporters.

"He has scored some important goals and we would like to see him scoring a lot of them and maybe to become the third all-time record goalscorer in the history of the club.

"Yeah he's a fantastic team-mate and he's a good worker. He's really focused on the future and his commitment to this club is really good."

Fowler has scored 4 goals from 15 appearances since re-joining the club.

## Henry wins Barclays Player Of The Year

Written by: Graham Riley

LONDON- Arsenal skipper Thierry Henry has won the Barclays Player Of The Year

award after a spectacular season for the Frenchman. He has also won this year's Football Writers' award.

Henry, 28, is currently the Premiership's leading goalscorer with 24 from 30 appearances.

"Henry has graced Arsenal's last season at Highbury in magnificent style," said Matt Appleby, a member of the Barclays award panel.

"He combines moments of brilliance and entertainment with match-winning goals.

"No wonder he was described by one opposition manager as 'unplayable'."

Among other milestones in his career, he also surpassed Arsenal's goal-scoring record this season, previously held by Cliff Bastin, has become the first ever Arsenal player to score 200 goals for the Gunners and the first player to score 100 goals at Highbury.

Earlier, Henry gave an insight into his deep affinity for the Highbury ground, when he said, "For me it is difficult to talk about Highbury. You need to go out and there play on it."

"You see my record, my goalscoring record, I scored a lot of goals at Highbury and something special about it.

"It is kind of strange because the pitch is so small compared to others.

"But over the years it is just amazing. I have some great goals there, some great memories and it is just something special when you play there."

## D'Alessandro: I want to stay with Pompey

Written by: Francisco Barreto

May 5- On-loan Argentine midfielder Andres D'Alessandro has declared his desire to remain with Portsmouth.

The 25-year-old D'Alessandro has impressed since joining Portsmouth from Bundesliga side VfL Wolfsburg with his energetic midfield performances playing a key role in Pompey retaining Premiership status.

"I've been playing in Europe for three and a half years, and my time at Pompey has been the best," he said.

"I'm really happy. I want to stay. I like the club both on and off the pitch.

"I get on really well with the players. I don't know what's going to happen.

"There are other clubs interested but my choice is to stay here.

"Harry Redknapp wants me and I want to play for him. He was the main reason I came here."

A permanent move, however, will prove costly as Wolfsburg are eager to recoup the club record £7.5 million paid for him in summer 2003.

## Mourinho in South America

Written by: Graham Riley

RIO DE JANEIRO- Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho was seen at Corinthians' Libertadores Cup tie against River Plate on Thursday, at the Pacaembu Stadium, reports from Rio De Janeiro say.

There have been rumours linking Corinthians forward Carlos Tevez with a move to Chelsea, rumours hotly denied by the club.

The 22-year-old Argentinian has been the focus of much attention since his arrival from Boca Juniors in 2004, for what was then a South American record fee of \$18 million.

In December of last year he was voted best player of the year in South America for a record third time in a row and is now currently valued at a staggering £50 million.

Kia Joorabchian, president of Media Sports, a London based company who have a major investment in Corinthians, said,

"It's got nothing to do with Tevez. Mourinho is

on holiday and can do what he wants. This visit has nothing to do with our player."

Mourinho refused to comment after the match which was eventful to say the least.

River Plate were trailing 1-0 after Nilmar (38') put the Brazilians ahead, when they staged an astonishing come-back, with goals from Coelho (own goal, 56') and a further two goals from Higuain, (71' and 81'). But the game had to be abandoned shortly after River's 3rd goal, when a pitched battle broke out between Corinthians fans and riot police. The result stood however and River proceeded through to the quarter finals to meet Libertad of Paraguay.

## Etherington FA cup final doubt

LONDON- West Ham United have received more bad news during their FA Cup final preparations, as winged Matthew Etherington has injured his ankle in training.

Etherington fell awkwardly on his ankle in a training session and is set to miss West Ham's game against Tottenham this weekend. The winger is now also a doubt for the FA Cup final, but will have an x-ray on the injury to determine how serious it is.

Manager Alan Pardew said: "Unfortunately Matty has taken a really bad knock today, I think he is doubtful, not just for Sunday but for the Cup final."

Pardew added, "That is a really bad blow. The whole squad is disappointed that Matty has this injury."

The London club are already without Hayden Mullins, who is suspended after receiving a red card for his clash with Luis Garcia in the Hammer's premiership game against Liverpool last week. Dean Ashton is recovering from a hamstring injury and is also still a concern, Pardew commented. "Dean is our biggest worry and certainly won't be ready for the Tottenham game. So if he does play in the final it will be a gamble in that respect."

## Premier League refuse Roeder appeal

NEWCASTLE- Newcastle United's caretaker coach Glen Roeder has been refused permission by the Premier League to take up the reigns of the Tyneside position full-time.

Roeder, who does not yet hold the UEFA Pro License now required by all English Premiership managers, had tabled a request to the Premier League for special dispensation in his case. He cited his length of service at the club and his obvious ability demonstrated over the last few months.

But in an official statement the Premier League said,

"The Premier League Board has considered Newcastle United's inquiry regarding the potential appointment of Glenn Roeder as their manager.

'Premier League Rules require that managers hold the UEFA Pro License and do not provide for any dispensation.'

'The only way the Board would be prepared to allow Newcastle United to appoint Glen Roeder as manager without the license is if so directed by member clubs.'

'In the event of permission being sought, sufficient support from clubs would have to be obtained and a formal resolution tabled at the forthcoming Premier League AGM.'

Newcastle go into their final match of the season at home to Chelsea hoping for a victory, which would see them finish in 7th spot and qualification for the Intertoto Cup. It has been a remarkable turn around in the fortunes of the club, who languished in 15th spot when Roeder took over

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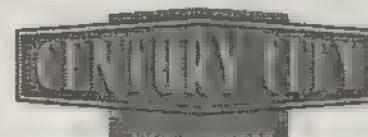
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# WORLD FOOTBALL

## ARGENTINA CLAUSURA

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
Instituto - Colon	17	11	4	2	33	14	37
Banfield - Arg Juniors	17	10	3	4	25	14	33
Arsenal - Sarandi Instituto	17	8	7	2	31	20	32
1 Boca Juniors	17	8	6	3	24	14	30
2 Lanus	17	8	5	4	31	20	31
3 Gimnasia LP	17	8	5	4	31	20	32
4 River Plate	17	8	5	4	36	21	31
5 Gimnasia J	17	8	5	4	24	14	30
6 Newells	17	8	6	4	28	17	30
7 Banfield	17	8	1	8	26	22	28
8 San Lorenzo	17	6	7	4	14	12	25
9 Independiente	17	6	5	6	18	14	23
10 Velez	17	5	8	4	20	17	23
11 Olippo	17	6	5	6	21	20	23
12 Estudiantes LP	17	6	4	7	23	29	22
13 Colon	17	5	5	7	19	24	20
14 Arg Juniors	17	4	7	7	26	28	19
15 Rosario	17	4	7	6	12	16	19
16 Arsenal Sarandi	17	4	7	7	15	20	19
17 Quilmes	17	5	4	8	14	24	19
18 Racing	17	4	3	10	11	23	15
19 Instituto	17	3	3	12	16	36	12
20 Tiro Federal	17	3	2	12	13	36	11

## ITALIAN SERIE A

Next fixtures 7/5/06  
 Fiorentina - Reggina  
 Livorno - Sampdoria  
 Inter Milan - Siena  
 Roma - Treviso  
 Juventus - Palermo  
 Parma - Milan  
 Ascoli - Lazio  
 Messina - Empoli  
 Lecce - Chievo  
 Udinese - Caen

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
1 Juventus	36	25	10	1	67	23	85
2 Milan	36	26	4	2	80	28	86
3 Inter Milan	36	23	5	8	65	27	74
4 Fiorentina	36	20	8	8	59	39	68
5 Roma	36	18	12	6	68	46	66
6 Lazio	36	14	14	8	52	46	56
7 Chievo	36	13	14	9	54	47	53
8 Palermo	36	12	11	11	48	50	49
9 Livorno	36	12	11	13	37	44	47
10 Parma	36	12	9	15	44	56	45
11 Empoli	36	12	5	18	43	59	42
12 Reggina	36	11	8	17	37	58	41
13 Sampdoria	36	10	10	16	46	48	40
14 Ascoli	36	8	18	12	40	48	40
15 Udinese	36	10	10	6	37	52	40
16 Cagliari	36	8	14	14	40	51	36
17 Siena	36	9	10	17	41	59	37
18 Messina	36	5	13	17	33	55	31
19 Lecce	36	6	7	23	27	56	25
20 Treviso	36	2	12	22	22	54	18

## SCOTTISH CHAMP/RELEGATION

Celtic - Kilmarnock 2 - 0  
 Hearts - Aberdeen 1 - 0

## Group Championship - Wide

Team	T	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pt
1 Celtic	4	1	2	1	91	35	90
2 Hearts	4	3	0	1	71	29	74
3 Rangers	4	2	2	0	85	37	70
4 Hibernian	4	1	1	2	50	53	66
5 Aberdeen	4	1	2	1	44	38	53
6 Kilmarnock	4	0	1	3	60	63	52

## Group Relegation - Wide

Team	T	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pt
1 Inverness	5	5	0	0	51	38	58
2 Motherwell	5	1	2	2	56	61	49
3 Dundee United	5	0	1	4	41	56	33
4 Falkirk	5	2	2	1	35	34	33
5 Dunfermline	5	3	1	1	33	88	33
6 Livingston	5	1	0	4	25	79	18

Team	T	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pt
1 Celtic	33	27	4	2	85	31	85
2 Hearts	33	19	8	6	84	27	65
3 Rangers	33	18	8	7	59	34	62
4 Hibernian	33	18	4	13	55	45	52
5 Kilmarnock	33	14	9	10	59	56	51
6 Aberdeen	33	12	12	9	38	36	48
7 Motherwell	33	12	8	13	50	55	44
8 Inverness	33	10	13	10	45	38	43
9 Dundee United	33	7	11	15	39	58	32
10 Falkirk	33	6	7	20	31	61	25
11 Dunfermline	33	5	8	20	26	63	23
12 Livingston	33	3	6	24	20	72	15

## SCOTTISH DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
1 St Mirren	36	23	7	6	28	75	
2 SL Johnstone	36	18	12	6	34	66	
3 Hamilton	36	15	14	7	53	39	59
4 Ross County	36	14	14	8	47	40	56
5 Clyde	36	15	10	11	54	55	55
6 Airdrie United	36	11	12	13	57	43	45
7 Dundee FC	36	9	18	11	43	50	43
8 Queen of the South	36	7	12	17	31	54	33
9 Stranraer	36	5	14	17	33	53	28
10 Brechin	36	2	11	23	74	17	

## SCOTTISH DIVISION 1

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5 Clyde	36	15	10	11	54	55	55
6 Airdrie United</							

# WORLD FOOTBALL

## GERMANY

### 20th Bundesliga title for Bayern Munich

Written by: Jonathan Roorda

**KAIERSLAUTERN**- Bayern Munich were held to a draw at Kaiserslautern but this was enough for the Bavarians to secure their 20th Bundesliga title.

#### Kaiserslautern - Bayern Munich 1-1

For a long time, Bayern fans had no reason to celebrate as Halil Altintop surprisingly put Kaiserslautern in the lead after 26 minutes. But the equalizer came from Andreas Oettl in the 68th minute, and the result of the match between Hertha and Hamburg allowed Bayern to begin their celebrations. The title defenders have a six-points advantage over second-placed Hamburg, with only one match left to play.

The championship is Bayern's 20th. The first trophy was won in 1932, and the 19th came in the 2004-05 season.



Michael Ballack celebrates

**Hertha BSC - Hamburger SV 4-2**

Hamburg were Bayern's only remaining threat, and the north-Germans took the lead through Piotr Trochowski in the tenth minute. Andreas Neuendorf equalized in the 13th, but Benjamin Lauth restored the lead six minutes later.

In the second half however, Hertha scored through Alexander Madlung in the 55th minute, Niko Kovac in the 69th and Marko Pantelic in the 72nd.

Goalscorer Neuendorf was sent off for Hertha in the 59th minute but the hosts managed to hold on to their lead.

#### Werder Bremen - Cologne 6-0

Werder had a comfortable 6-0 win over Cologne, with Tim Borowski, Miroslav Klose and Ivan Klasnic all scoring two goals each.

#### Bayer Leverkusen - Nurnberg 2-2

Jahwar Mnari put Nurnberg in the lead after 36 minutes, but things were turned around by Dimitar Berbatov in the 49th and 90th minutes. However, Berbatov's second goal was not enough for the victory as Stefan Kiessling levelled two minutes into added time.

#### Borussia Dortmund - Eintracht Frankfurt 1-1

Borussia Dortmund and Eintracht Frankfurt held each other to a 1-1 draw, with Du-Ri Cha opening the score for Eintracht in the 54th minute and Borussia's Salvatore Gambino equalizing in the 87th.

#### Vfb Stuttgart - VfL Wolfsburg 2-1

Wolfsburg needed only five minutes to take the lead with a goal from Juan Carlos Menseguez, but Danijel Ljuboja equalized in the 17th minute. The winning goal came from Christian Gentner in the 70th minute.

#### Borussia M'gladbach - Hannover 96 2-2

Per Mertesacker put Hannover ahead in the 13th minute, but Marcell Jansen levelled in the 77th. Wesley Sonck then got Mönchengladbach's second in the 83rd, but Vinicius eventually set the score to 2-2 in the 89th minute.

#### Mainz - Schalke 04 1-0

Schalke 04 crashed to a 1-0 defeat by Mainz. The only goal of the match was scored by Benjamin Auer in the 15th minute.

#### Arminia Bielefeld - Duisburg 0-2

Last-placed Duisburg achieved a surprising victory at Arminia Bielefeld. Jung-Hwan Ahn broke the deadlock on the hour mark, and Marco Caligiuri added a security goal with eight minutes left to go.

## SPAIN



Barcelona Captain Carlos Puyol

Written by: Jonathan Roorda  
**BARCELONA**- FC Barcelona used the local derby with Espanyol to celebrate their Primera Division title with their own fans, while Valencia were held to a draw by Atletico de Madrid.

#### FC Barcelona - Espanyol 2-0

After securing the title on Wednesday, Barcelona returned home to celebrate this season's success. Team captain Carles Puyol received the national trophy in front of a full Camp Nou stadium. Espanyol's Daniel Jarque helped the champions by scoring an own goal in the 19th minute. Brazilian Ronaldinho took care of the second goal, setting the score to 2-0 in the 51st minute.

#### Valencia - Atletico de Madrid 1-1

Valencia were held to a draw by Atletico, and it will be very hard for the 'Bats' to reconquer the second spot and get direct access to the Champions League. Top scorer David Villa scored from the penalty spot in the 12th minute, but Atletico's Maxi Rodriguez levelled the score seven minutes later. Italian Amedeo Carboni came on in the 60th minute, to play his last half hour for Valencia at the age of 41. The defender was given the captain's ribbon by David Albelda and a big applause from the fans.

#### Malaga - Sevilla 0-2

The Andalucian derby between Malaga and Sevilla had the guests take three points, due to which they are fifth in the league with just one match left. Renato broke the deadlock for Sevilla in the 18th minute, and the lead was doubled by Fernando Sales in the 90th.

#### WORLD CUP UPDATE

**MADRID**- With 10 days remaining until the FIFA World Cup roster deadline, Spain coach Luis Aragonés named 27 players to his provisional squad on Friday. Young Arsenal midfielder Cesc Fabregas looks set to be in the team for the finals after being named in the squad along with teammate José Antonio Reyes.

Despite earning Spanish nationality recently, Getafe's Mariano Pernia was not included in the squad while Barcelona midfielder Xavi, only one game into his return from injury, was included.

Four Liverpool players have been included in the squad, those being José Reina, Xabi Alonso, Luis García and Fernando Morientes. All four are certain to be in the final squad, barring injuries. Those four players, however, will not be at the team gathering due to preparations for the FA Cup final.

The other players will get together on 8 May for a training camp before the final cuts are made.

## FRANCE

### Lille crush Lyon in race for third place

Written by: Stephen Sharp

**LILLE**- Lille took the upper hand in the chase for France's final Champions League spot in France thanks to a thrashing of Lyon while Marseille and Rennes were both held to draws.

#### Lille - Lyon 4-0

Last season's runners-up went in front after 35 minutes when Geoffrey Dernis gave them a 1-0 lead, and Peter Odemwingie scored a double in just three second-half minutes to extend the advantage to three goals.

Jean Makoun completed the rout with Lille's fourth goal five minutes from time, giving them a two-point

edge in the battle for third place.

#### Marseille - Strasbourg 2-2

Relegated Strasbourg may have done enough to hamper Marseille's Champions League chase, forcing the home side to come from a goal down to get a draw at home.

Samir Nasri gave Marseille the lead on 47 minutes, but Yacine Abdessadki equalized for Strasbourg four minutes later. Then, Rudy Carlier's goal gave the visitors a 67th-minute lead until Franck Ribéry's equalizer five minutes later.

#### Saint-Etienne - Rennes 0-0

While Marseille still have a chance at third, Rennes' chances appear gone after a goalless draw left them three points behind Lille with a negative goal difference.

Lille, with a +25 difference, are well ahead of the -1 possessed by Rennes, who will likely now have to hang on for a berth in the UEFA Cup.

#### Nantes - Bordeaux 0-1

Bordeaux, who clinched second place in the midweek, kept up their fine run with a victory away to Nantes. With several key players resting, one of the talismanic players for Bordeaux this season, Jean-Claude Dardeville, scored the winning goal in the 76th minute.

#### PSG - Ajaccio 2-4

Having already secured a UEFA Cup berth by winning the Coupe de France, PSG have nothing left to play for, and it showed in a loss at home to relegated Ajaccio.

Kamel Chafni put the visitors in front after 20 minutes, but Mario Yepes found an equalizer just after the half-hour mark. Pauleta's goal just after the restart gave PSG the lead, but then came the Ajaccio onslaught. Djamel Abdoun and Chafni scored within three minutes of each other to give Ajaccio a 3-2 lead and Mathieu Scarpelli added an insurance strike late on.

#### Le Mans - Lens 0-0

Lens had their hopes of getting a UEFA Cup berth delayed a bit on Saturday as they were held to a stalemate away to Le Mans.

Lens sit sixth in the table, within two points of Marseille. Le Mans are comfortably 10th in the standings.

#### Nancy - Auxerre 1-3

Auxerre still have an outside chance at the UEFA Cup thanks to their victory at League Cup winners Nancy. Luigi Pieroni grabbed control of the match for Auxerre with a goal in the 18th minute, and Yann Lachuer doubled the lead five minutes before the interval.

André Luiz's goal in the 86th minute for Nancy made the finish an interesting one, but Thomas Kahleberg put the match beyond doubt with a goal in injury time for Auxerre.

#### Toulouse - Monaco 3-3

Monaco conceded a two-goal lead late on, denying them a victory away to Toulouse.

After Francisco dos Santos gave Toulouse a 30th-minute lead, Serge Gakpe and Manuel Dos Santos both scored for Monaco to give the visitors a 2-1 half-time lead.

Ernesto Chevanton scored in the 56th minute to extend the lead to 3-1, but Daniel Moreira and Nicolas Dieuze struck late for the home side to level the match.

#### Sochaux - Troyes 1-1

Rabiu Afolabi scored to give Sochaux the lead on 18 minutes and it appeared that would hold up to be the winner until Sébastien Grax scored at the death to snatch a point for Troyes.

#### Nice - Metz 2-1

Nice had to come from a goal down to defeat bottom-side Metz at home, but it wasn't easy after Laurent Agouazzi gave Metz the lead on 21 minutes.

Sammy Traoré, though, equalized for Nice in the 56th minute before David Bellion grabbed the winning strike just eight minutes later.

## BELGIUM

### Anderlecht win 28th league title

Written by: Jonathan Roorda

**BRUSSELS**- RSC Anderlecht have won the Belgian league title for the 28th time, beating Zulte-Waregem 3-0 while Standard Liege crashed to a 0-2 defeat by Gent.

#### Anderlecht - Zulte-Waregem 3-0

On the final day, Anderlecht had a two-points advantage over Standard to defend so a win over Zulte would certainly secure the title.

Four minutes before the half time whistle, Lamine Traore broke the deadlock for the leaders and Hannu Tihinen doubled the gap in the 54th minute.

Frederic Dideleux scored an own goal in the 64th minute, setting the score to 3-0.

The title is Anderlecht's 28th ever, with which they have a staggering fifteen more than Club Brugge. Anderlecht's first league trophy was won in 1949, and the most recent victory came in 2004.

This year's Jupiler League was as exciting as it gets, as Anderlecht faced strong competition from Standard. The Liege-based team even spent several weeks in first position, but Anderlecht eventually surpassed their main rivals.

#### Standard Liege - Gent 0-2

Standard lost their last match and the championship, but will look back on a good season as the team qualifies for the third preliminary round of the Champions League.

Nantes took the lead through Christophe Gregoire in the 23rd minute, prematurely taking away Standard's hope for a positive outcome. Nebojsa Pavlovic added a second, eight minutes later.

#### Club Brugge - Genk 3-0

Club Brugge will appear in next year's UEFA Cup tournament. Against Genk, last year's champions achieved a 3-0 win. Bosko Balaban scored in the 37th and 62nd minutes (second goal was a penalty), and Philippe Clement got the third in the 82nd.

#### Lokeren - Germinal Beerschot 1-2

Germinal Beerschot took a secure lead with goals from Tosin Desumie in the 38th minute and Jurgen Cavens in the 64th. Lokeren got one back through Besnik Hasi in the 72nd minute, but failed to net an equalizer.

#### Sint-Truiden - FC Brussels 0-1

Sint-Truiden hosted FC Brussels and suffered a 0-1 defeat. The only goal came from Richard Culek, who converted a penalty kick in the 32nd minute.

#### Westerlo - La Louviere 2-1

La Louviere, last in the league, have been relegated to the third division due to financial problems. Their last match at the top level had a 2-1 defeat as result, with Christiaan Janssens and Wim Mennes scoring for Westerlo while Ace Stojkov got the only goal for the guests.

#### Charleroi - Cercle Brugge 0-1

The only goal of the match between Charleroi and Cercle Brugge came from Stijn de Smet in the 53rd minute, giving Cercle Brugge a narrow win in the south of the country.

#### Lierse - Roeselare 1-0

Dragan Mrdja put Lierse in the lead after twelve minutes, and for a long time this win seemed to be enough to avoid ending up in a promotion-relegation competition with three second division teams. However, Lierse depended on the result of the match between Beveren and Excelsior Mouscron.

## ITALY

### Totti's ambition

Written by: Daniel Grech

**ROME**- After suffering a fractured fibula in his left leg in February, Francesco Totti is nearly back from injury and is keen to guide Roma into Champions League football next season and a Coppa Italia victory next week.

Although the first leg of the Coppa Italia ended in a 1-1 draw between Roma and Inter, the striker believes the Cup could still be heading to Rome saying, "In the second leg we need to go to the San Siro and get the result we got in the League".

#### Roma beat Inter 3-2 earlier this season.

The Italian international added, "I want a Champions League place and then to take the Coppa Italia back home."

The Rome side currently have 66 points and a victory against Treviso this weekend is needed, if they want to consider playing in the Champions League next season. Even though Totti wants to play in the game, he is still recovering and will wait for a decision from Coach Luciano Spalletti, commenting, "I'm about 40 per cent fit, I want to be in the squad to face Treviso but it's up to the boss how much I play."

Italian national team coach Marcello Lippi is hopeful that the striker will ready for the World Cup, "Totti is doing well, there is cause for optimism," he said. "He is very enthusiastic and keen to get back." Italy's first World Cup game is against Ghana and takes place on 12th June.

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**Club:** Preston Lions  
**Position:** Attacking/Midfield  
**Age:** 28  
**Height:** 178cm  
**Weight:** 73kg  
**Nickname:** Maxsi  
**Previous clubs:** Green Gully, South Melbourne, Newcastle Utd.

**Outfield player you most enjoy watching in the VPL?**  
 Zia Younan

**In the world?** Ronaldinho

**Hardest keeper and team to score against?**  
 Lou Acevski (Heidelberg)

**Occupation?** Electrician

**Craziest team mate of all time?**  
 Dean Fak

**Most influential coach of all time?**  
 Bits and Pieces from different coaches have stuck in my head.

**Most memorable match as a player?**  
 South Melbourne - Brisbane Strikers (NSL)

**As a fan?** Italy 3 - Brazil 2 ....1982 world cup

**Where were you when Australia drew 2-2 with Iran?**  
 At home watching it on TV.

**And when Australia qualified for the World Cup against Uruguay?** Same as above.

**Predict the following results:**  
 Australia vs Japan - 1-0  
 Australia vs Brazil - 0-2  
 Australia vs Croatia - 2-1

**Your tip for the 2006 World Cup?**  
 Czech Republic.

**Representative honours?** Victorian State

team at junior and senior level.

**Most memorable goal you've scored?** For South Melbourne against Newcastle, I ran nearly the length of field and chipped the keeper from just outside the box.

**Worst injury?** Osteopubis.

**Funniest moment in football?**  
 Zia Younan bouncing on the surface when celebrating after scoring a bomb, somebody forgot to tell him the ground was dry.

**Record number of juggles in single attempt?** I don't juggle because find it boring, most of the time I start doing tricks after about 10.

**Steak, chicken parma or seafood?** Seafood

**Chips, veggies or salad?** Chips

**Pizza or souvlaki?** Pizza

**Favourite drink, non alcoholic and alcoholic?** Water and red wine.

**Favourite nightspot?**  
 In bed with my girlfriend.

**Favourite holiday destination?** Spain.

**Kitchen whiz or home handyman?**  
 Bit of both.

**What's in the CD player right now?** Cold Play.

**Dream date?**  
 On an island With Jessica Alba.

**First team-mate you'd invite to a party, and why?** Zia Younan cause I love listening to the shit he talks.

**On the end of season trip, the last player to shout drinks will be... too many to name.**

**Match day superstitions or rituals?**  
 Don't sit around waiting for the game.

**Typical matchday meal?**  
 Small meals depending on what time we play.

**Favorite sporting team when growing up?**  
 Juventus.

**What are your strengths?** Dribbling and attacking.

**What are your weaknesses?** Defending.

**Ten pin bowling or skydiving?**  
 I'll take the bowling thanks.

**Toughest opponent?** Depends on how I'm feeling on the day.

**Select a player that you play most like?**  
 Like any other playmaker.

**Which team do you select when playing FIFA soccer on a computer game?**  
 I don't play it.

**What is the last soccer shirt you bought?**  
 Roberto Baggio's Brescia top.

**Funniest rumour you have heard about yourself?** That Heidelberg offered \$28,000 for me.

**Childhood soccer idol?**  
 Alessandro Del Piero.

**Favourite Current Socceroo?**  
 Harry Kewell.



**If I didn't play football I'd play... Aussie rules**

**What fictional character would you most like to be; why?**  
 Superman, because I would use my powers to my advantage.

**Hollywood is making a movie about your career. Who would you select to play you in a movie?** Johnny Depp...great actor.



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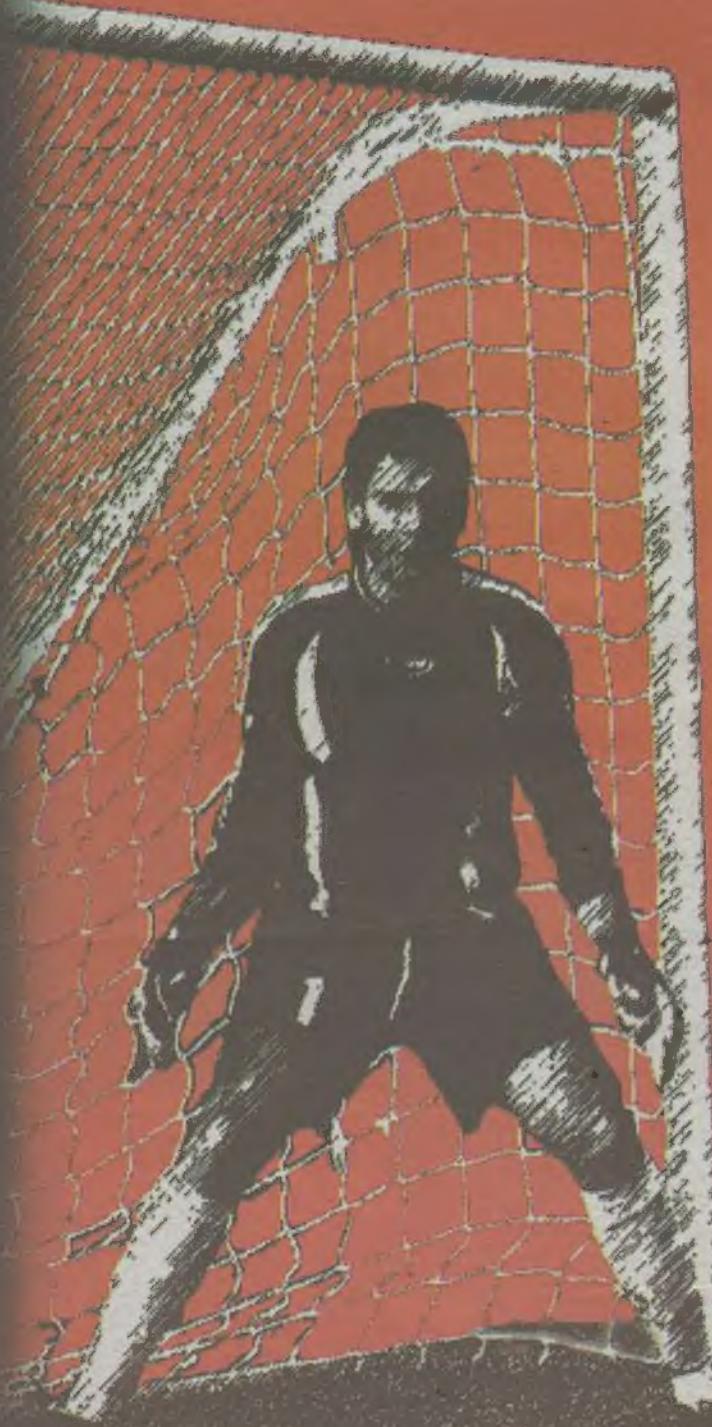
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